

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Jacob limps away from the site of his transformation.
He will never be the same again.
Each step he takes is marked by the divine touch."

– Wilda Gafney

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 2, 2026 10 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Building a loving community for all, House of Hope shares God's grace and presence through music, the arts, reflection, and action. Come join us as we walk through life together.

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

We invite you to join us for refreshments, today served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians.
- **Worship bags** are available in the Narthex with age-appropriate materials to help kids focus as they worship alongside their families. You can ask an usher to help you find the best bag for you!
- A **Wiggle Space** for children needing a little more scope to move is available in the sanctuary entrance way during the service. There are books and toys there for your use. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- Our **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable. Feel free to ask an usher if you would feel more comfortable in a more private area.
- **Need help?** Ask an usher or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!



The House of Hope Choir School - Music for All,
Serve the Community, ignite your Faith, Nurture your Gifts, and
Gather in Song. Come join us and make a joyful noise!

Rehearsals begin September 16, registration is open now: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchool-Registration>

Choir School Schedule

Tuesdays: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Adult Group Singing Lessons

Wednesdays: 4:30-6:15 p.m. classes and choirs for Grades 1-12

Sundays: 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Age 3 through Kindergarten

For more information or to schedule lessons, contact Choir School Director

Jessica Bandelin at JessicaB@hohchurch.org



House of Hope's sanctuary is equipped with telecoil technology.

To access the Hearing Loop, please sit in the long pews in the center of the sanctuary.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Meditation
Maureen Armstrong, Guest Organist

Alexandre Guilmant

+Opening Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

+Call to Worship *(congregation reads text in bold)*

Rev. James D. Cochrane

When our cause is just,
God attends to our cries.
When we avoid the ways of the violent,
God provides refuge from evil.
We shall behold the face of God
wrapped in the mysteries of love.

+Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, slow us down.
In the frenzy of our worries, we have bypassed our neighbors.
From the pain of our wounds, our neighbors have looked away.
Out of the need for control, the powerful have pillaged the earth.
Give us pause to reflect, repent, and repair,
joining Jesus on the path of your love that heals creation.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+The Peace *(The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.)*

+Doxology



Welcome and Announcements

2026-2027 Faith Formation Update and Invitation

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

THE WORD OF GOD

Solo

The Call

Sandy Schoenecker, Soprano

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Time for Children

Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians. A children's table for coloring and other quiet activities is available in the west transept.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31 (OT, p. 30 in pew Bible)

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Struggling with Mystery

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 517

We Come as Guests Invited

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+**Affirmation of Faith** — adapted from *The Confession of 1967*

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.**
- **Website.**
- **Mail.**
- **QR Code.**

Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.
On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
Please see insert.

Offertory Solo

God Is My Shepherd

Antonín Dvořák

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!
My fainting soul doth He restore,
And guideth me in the ways of peace
To glorify His Name.

And though in death's dark valley
My steps must wander,
My spirit shall not fear,
For Thou art by me still;
Thy rod and staff are with me,
And they shall comfort me.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

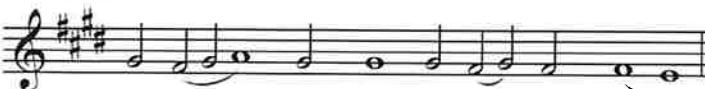
Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: 
And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: 
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: O Holy God.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:
 Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, the Christ.... And hear us now as we say the prayer Jesus taught:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

All who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and forget not all God's benefits.**

Leader and People:

God of all good things, you lavish us with gifts of your bounty
Not because we deserve them, but because of your generous love for us.
Having received your blessing,
we ask that you now strengthen us for the journey
As we seek to serve you by serving one another. Amen.

+Closing Hymn 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

+Benediction

Postlude

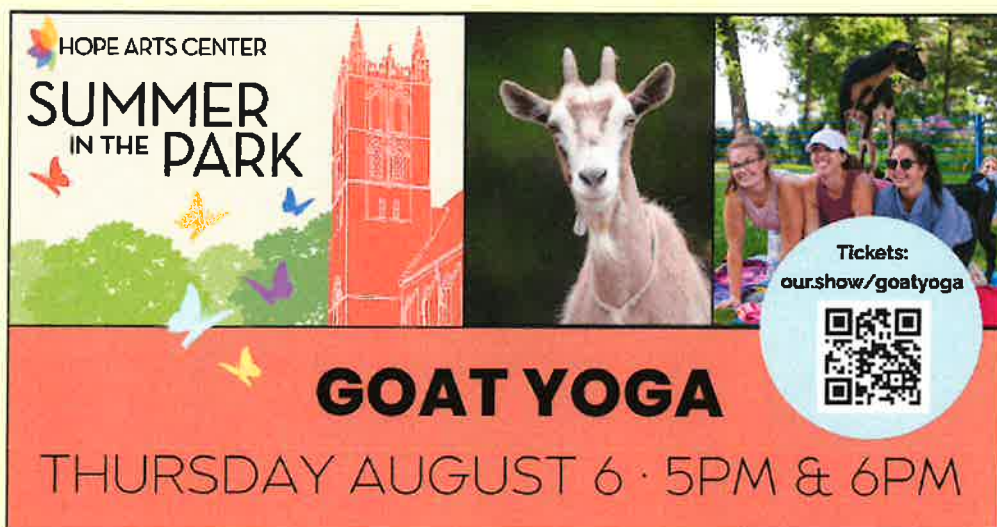
Fanfare and Celebration

Pamela Robison

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Peace Candle. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.



HOPE ARTS CENTER
SUMMER
IN THE PARK

GOAT YOGA

THURSDAY AUGUST 6 · 5PM & 6PM

Tickets:
our.show/goatyoga

QR code for tickets

The poster features a collage of images: a red line-art church tower, a close-up of a goat's face, and a group of people practicing yoga outdoors with a dog. A circular callout contains the ticket information and a QR code.



HOPE ARTS CENTER
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TINY PORCH CONCERTS

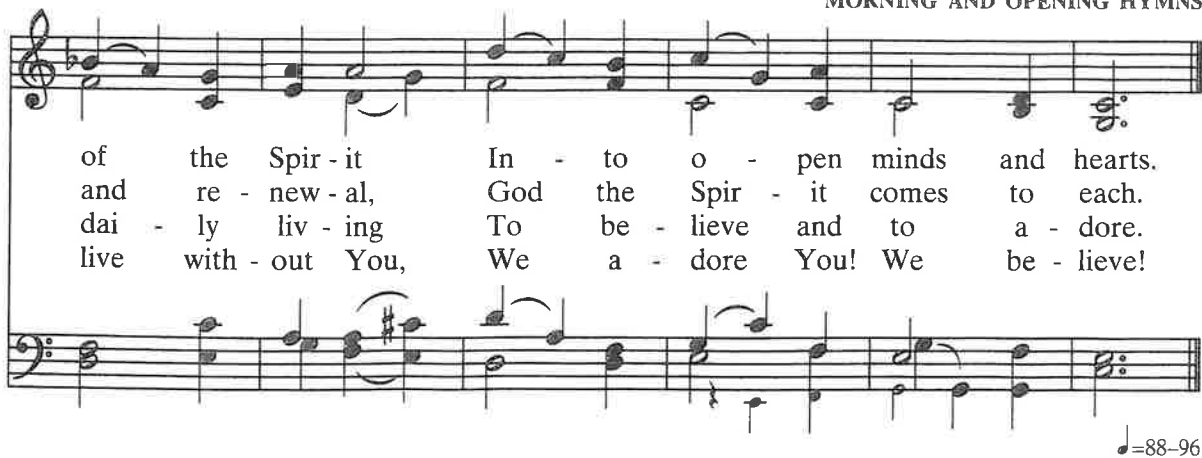
OK FACTOR

TUESDAY AUGUST 11 · 7PM

The poster features a collage of images: a red line-art church tower, a blue background with a white house icon and the text 'TINY PORCH CONCERTS', and two women playing a cello and a violin. The bottom half of the poster has a solid purple background with the event title and date in white.

House of Hope Park: corner of Portland and Grotto in St. Paul.

↑ Use the QR code and follow the Hope Arts facebook page for updates, in case of weather.



of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

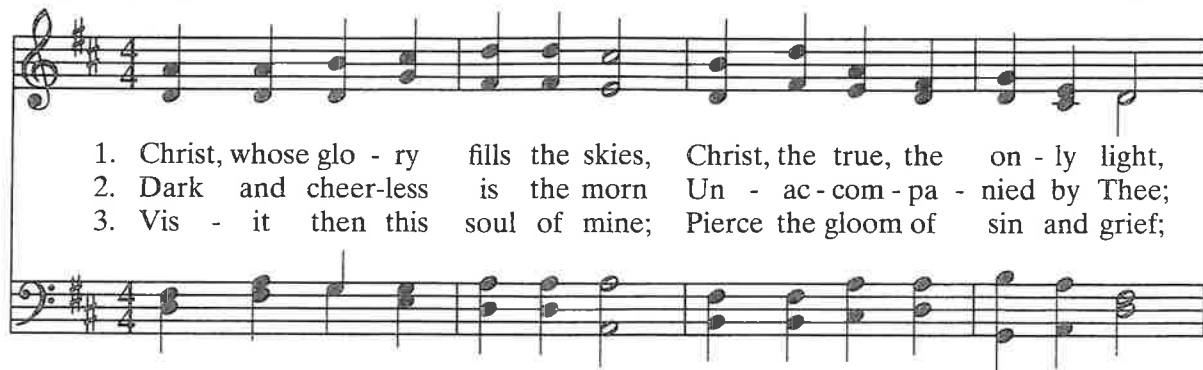
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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 462

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Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704
 Rev. in Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815
 As in *Old Church Psalmody*, 1847

Charles Wesley, 1740



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
 2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
 3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 Joy - less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 Till they in - ward light im - part, Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
 More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

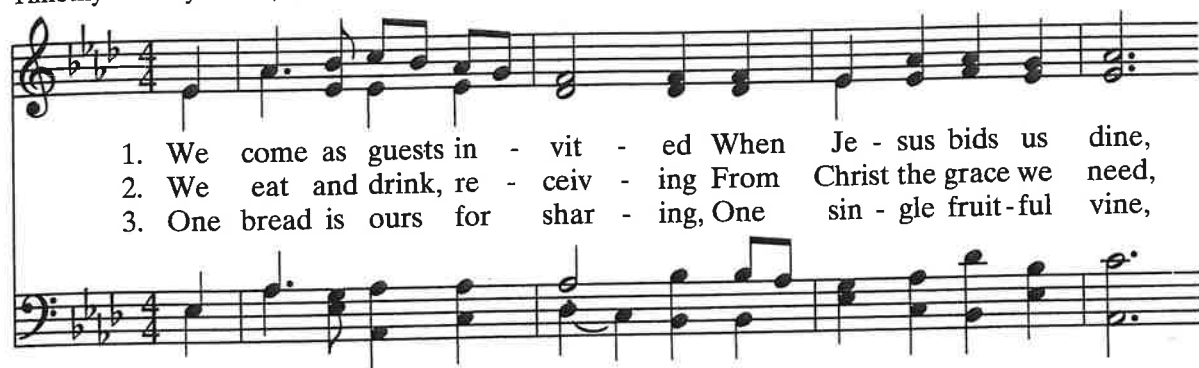
We Come as Guests Invited

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Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

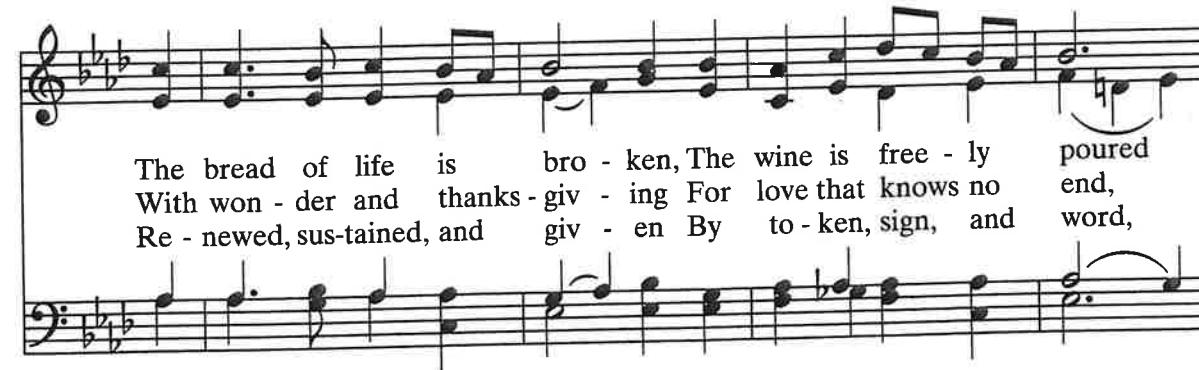
Johann Steurlein, 1575



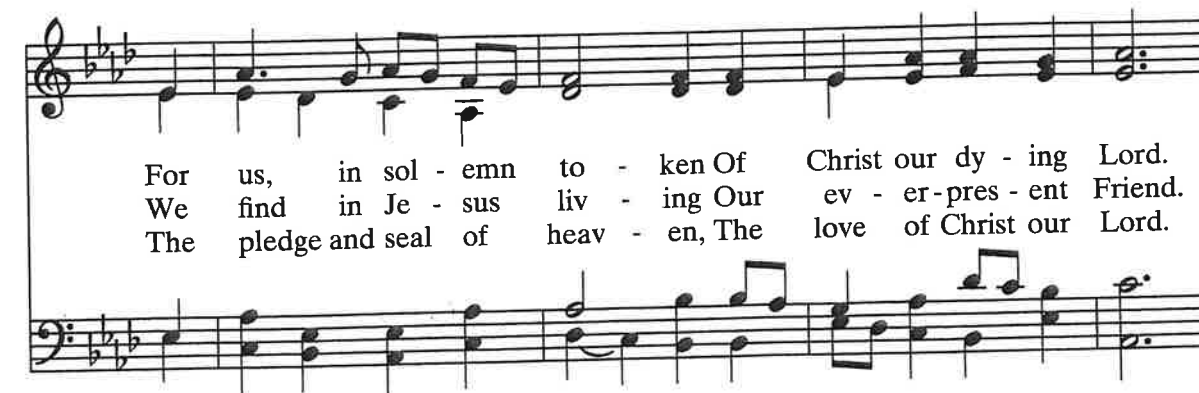
1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,
 2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,
 3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;
 And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;
 Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:



The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured
 With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,
 Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,



For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er-pres - ent Friend.
 The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

Lead On, O King Eternal

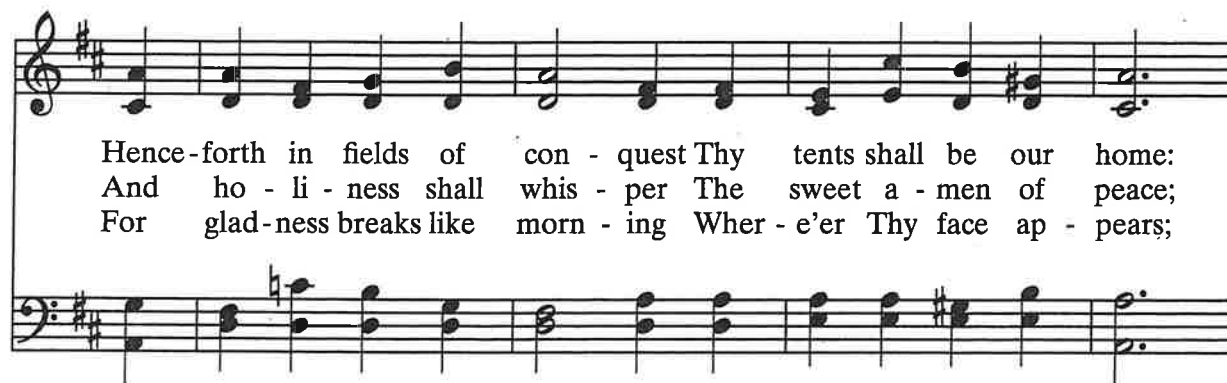
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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

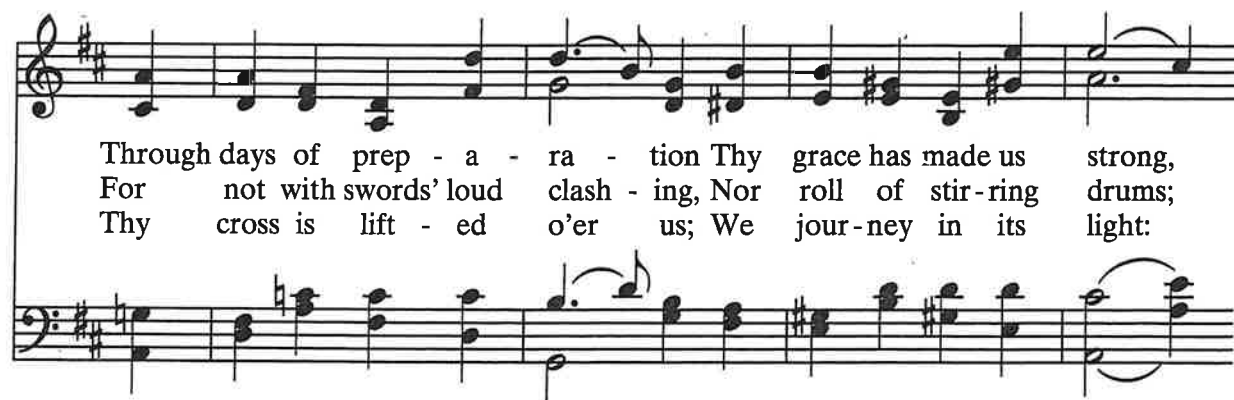
Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835



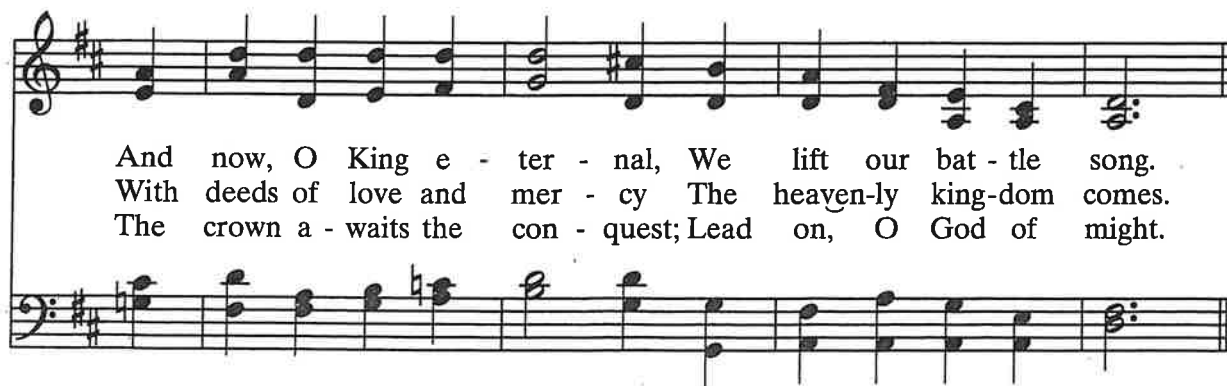
1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad-ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

News & Opportunities

August 2 – 9, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Caregiver Conversations - TODAY

Sunday, August 2 | 11:15 a.m. | Bridal Room

If you are a caregiver, meeting with others is a way of finding support and uplifting one another. It's good to know we are not alone. Facilitated by our pastoral staff and Catherine Guisan. For information, see Rev. Dix Brachlow, Care Pastor, dwbrachlow@gmail.com.

Great Decisions | Tuesday, August 11 | 3:30 p.m.

Kirk Parlour | Speaker: Todd Lefko

Ukraine & the Future of European Society

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022, four and a half years of war have impacted the nations of Europe and their relationship with the United States. Both Ukraine and Russia will lose the war, though both will declare victory. We will discuss how the world is likely to change for Ukraine, Russia, Europe and the United States following the war. Todd Lefko is President of the International Business Development Company, an import-export firm dealing with water purification equipment, art, linen, kilns, and new technologies. He has worked in editorial roles in Russia and the Former Soviet Union for over 37 years. Todd is Chairperson of East-West Connections, an international non-profit, focused on citizen diplomacy, a Caux Fellow for the Caux International Roundtable, and one of the Founders of Global Volunteers, for whom he has served as Treasurer and Representative at the United Nations. Todd has also been a member of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Council, the Regional Transit Board, and the Minnesota Experimental City Authority.

HOH Writing Group | Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20 | 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 1 Have you been meaning to take time to write down those wonderful and important life stories / memories? Join us in August as we sit together and form a writing community. We will take time to get to know each other, and then in a friendly and warm environment, we will write! Please know, everyone is invited to share what they write - or not!



National Night Out Volunteers Needed.

The 19th HOH National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 4. HOH provides this free event for the congregation and residents of the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with fellow congregation members, our immediate neighbors, community and elected leaders and first responders; enjoy food, activities, entertainment and learn some things about crime prevention and safety issues and community resources to build safe communities. To make this happen, we need several volunteers for a variety of projects such as distributing flyers to neighborhood residents to setting up the event starting at 4 p.m. to tearing down at 8 p.m. and everything in between. If you can help, **please stop by the table outside before or after worship service on Sundays.** If you can't join us in person, there are other ways to contribute, which are listed on the "Ways to Help" handout that can be found on the information tables around the church.

Cake Sunday - Donations of cakes/cupcakes/brownies/bars, etc. for the "Sweet Treats Walk" and soda pop, juice boxes and bottled water will be accepted at church starting Sunday, August 2 through the start of the event on the 4th.

Questions? Mary Cardinal Peterson at: PeteCardFive@outlook.com or 651-341-7173.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

School Tools: School Supply Donation Drive

House of Hope is again participating in Interfaith Action's school supply drive. With your help, many area children will step into their classrooms ready for a great start to the school year.



Supplies Needed: Backpacks; 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, folders, notebooks; Calculators; Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters; Glue sticks and bottles; Pencil boxes and pencil sharpeners; Scissors and rulers; Facial tissue and hand sanitizer.

**Scan the QR code to give a monetary gift:
Or by check with memo: "School Supplies"**



Drop off supplies in the Assembly Room bin by August 17.

Week Beginning August 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2, 2026

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room

Monday, August 3, 2026

- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5 p.m. National Night Out, Portland Lot and HOH Park

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- 12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel

Thursday, August 6, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. House of Hope Writing Group, Room 1
- 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
- 5 p.m. Summer in the Park, HOH Park

Friday, August 7, 2026

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmer's Market, Summit Lot

Sunday, August 9, 2026

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

Midweek Contemplative Prayer in Elizabeth Chapel | Wednesdays | 12:15 p.m.

House of Hope offers a short, contemplative prayer service in the Elizabeth Chapel. Led by clergy, Scripture reading, prayers, bells, and silence invites us to ground and center ourselves.

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.



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Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Associate Pastor for Spiritual and Community Care
Rev. James D. Cochrane, Transitional Executive Associate Pastor

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