

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Here the church, like every human being, is faced with the choice that is most fundamental for its faith: to be on the side of life or on the side of death... either we believe in a God of life or we serve the idols of death."

– Gustavo Gutiérrez

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 16, 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.

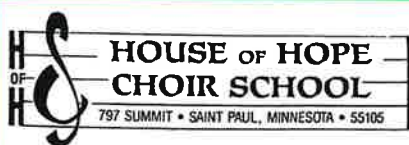
Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Jaeden Noel Ji-Hwan Felde, child of Angela and Jackson Felde. Elder assisting is Kristina MacKenzie, with her child, Owen.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Following the Baptism, 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. Register here: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

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

Concertante for Trombone and Organ
Christian Howard, Trombone; Aaron David Miller, Organist

Gustav Holst

+Opening Hymn 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

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

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

O taste and see:

God is good.

+Prayer of Confession

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

**We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—
and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.**

But before you, God, we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us.

Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

+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



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Affirmation



First Lesson

Exodus 24:12–18 (OT, p. 70 in pew Bible)

Bruce Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Chorale

Johann Töpfer

The Sacrament of Baptism — Jaeden Noel Ji-Hwan Felde

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

**All: We welcome you with joy to Christ's church, and to our community,
The House of Hope. We promise to help you feel seen, supported, and loved,
to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you and to serve the Gospel alongside
you. We promise to be a homeplace for you, and a reminder that you do not
journey alone. God is always with you, and we will be alongside you. Welcome.**

+ Congregational Response Hymn 498 (verses 1 & 4)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Following the Baptism, 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.

Second Lesson

Matthew 17:1–9 (NT, pp. 18-19 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sheryl Johnson

Movement, Monument, or Idol?: Building a Faithful Church

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

+Affirmation of Faith – from *the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has made a covenant with all of creation.

God has brought into being an earth community based on the vision of justice and peace.

The covenant is a gift of grace that is not for sale in the marketplace.

It is an economy of grace for the household of all of creation.

Jesus shows that this is an inclusive covenant in which the poor and marginalized are preferential partners and calls us to put justice for the “least of these”

at the center of the community of life. All creation is blessed and included in this covenant.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

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| - In-Person. | Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time. |
| - Website. | On the homepage, click “Support House of Hope”, then click on “Make a Gift” |
| - Mail. | Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105 |
| - QR Code. | Please see insert. |

Offertory Solo

Hosannah

Franz Liszt

+Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

+Prayer of Dedication

+Closing Hymn 332

Live Into Hope

TRURO

+Benediction

Postlude

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.

About Today's Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sheryl Johnson (she/her) is a lecturer at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. She is also serving as the Associate Minister for Religious Education at Congregational Church of the Peninsula in Belmont, CA, the same church where our guest preacher on June 7, Rev. Dr. Jim Mitulski, serves as Senior Pastor. Rev. Dr. Johnson's book, *Serving Money, Serving God: Aligning Radical Justice, Christian Practice, and Church Life*, focused on the intersections of social justice (racial, economic, gender, etc.) and ecclesial practices (specifically stewardship, finance, and polity). Sheryl has served several congregations, campus ministries, ecumenical advocacy organizations, and global church partners. Sheryl married her wife Kelly Colwell (also a minister) in 2016, and are parents to a wonderful daughter, born in 2024.

HOPE ARTS CENTER
**SUMMER
IN THE PARK**

Disney
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MOVIE IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 · 7PM

**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.

HOPE ARTS CENTER
**SUMMER
IN THE PARK**

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TUESDAY AUGUST 25 · 7PM

Children & Family Weekend

***"Creativity, Resilience,
& Your Unique Voice"***



**Kwame
Alexander**

Newbery Medal-Winning
and New York Times
Bestselling
Author & Poet



Erin Walsh

Author | Speaker |
Child Development
Expert

On September 19 & 20, join Hope Arts Center and House of Hope for Children & Family Weekend, a joyful two-day celebration centered on the theme *"Creativity, Resilience, and Your Unique Voice."*

Designed for parents, children, grandparents, educators, caregivers, mentors, health professionals and those interested in the intersection of arts and health, the weekend brings together nationally acclaimed speakers, outstanding Twin Cities arts organizations, and hands-on experiences that celebrate the creativity and potential of every child while equipping the adults who help them thrive.

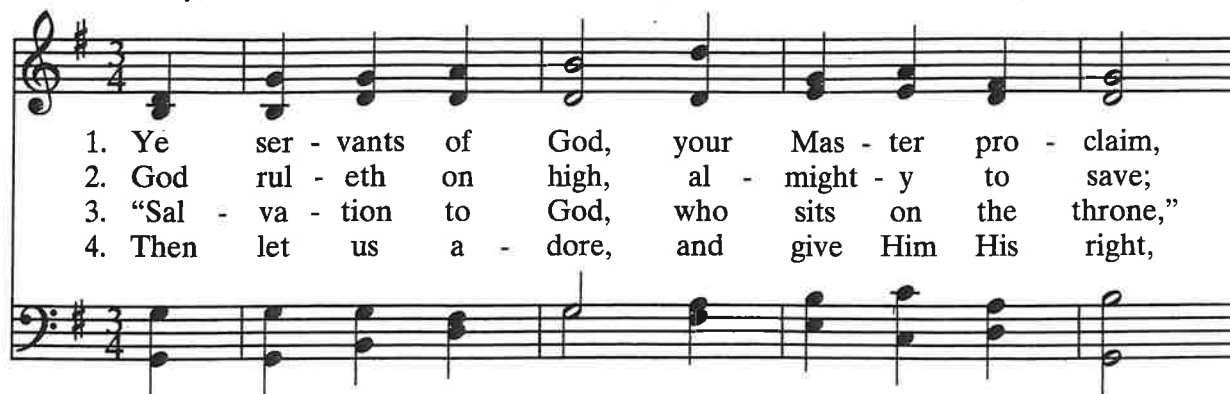
For more information, tickets and registration: <https://www.hohchurch.org/hope-arts-center/>

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 477

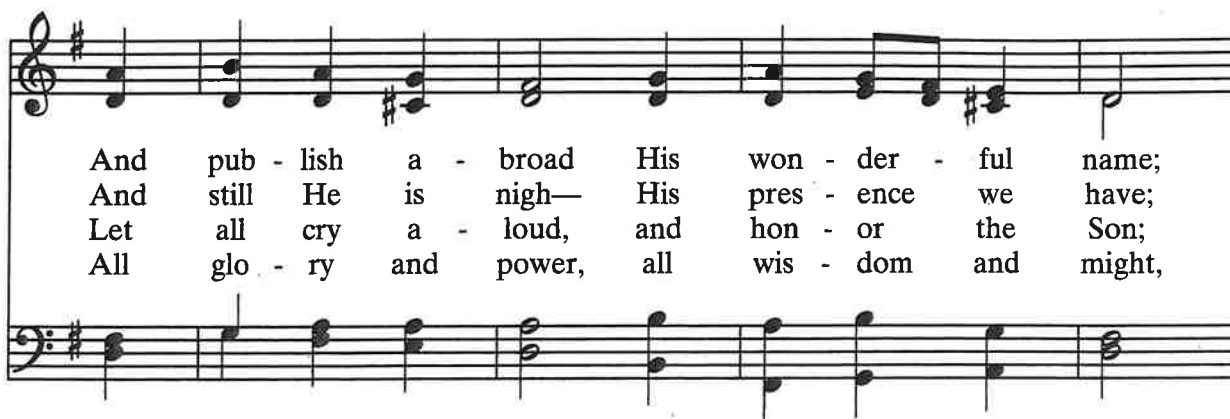
HANOVER 10.10.11.11

Charles Wesley, 1744

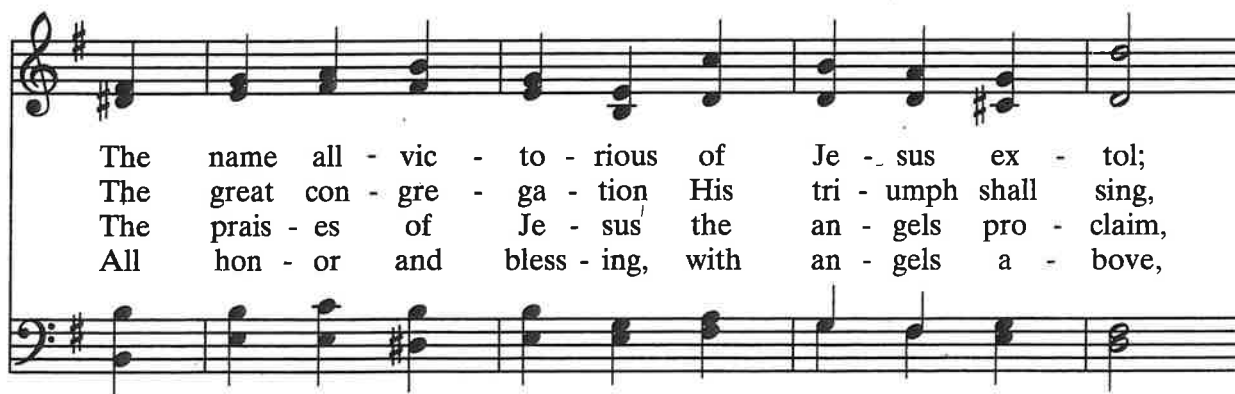
Attr. William Croft, 1708

A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708


1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne,"
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give Him His right,



And pub - lish a - broad His won - der - ful name;
 And still He is nigh— His pres - ence we have;
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son;
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



The name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion His tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 All hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



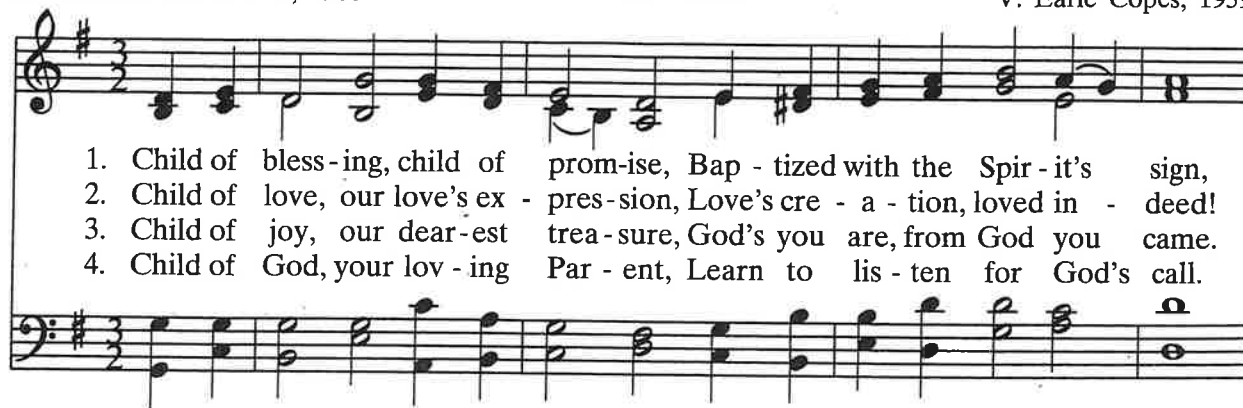
His king - dom is glo - rious, He rules o - ver all.
 As - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 Fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 And thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

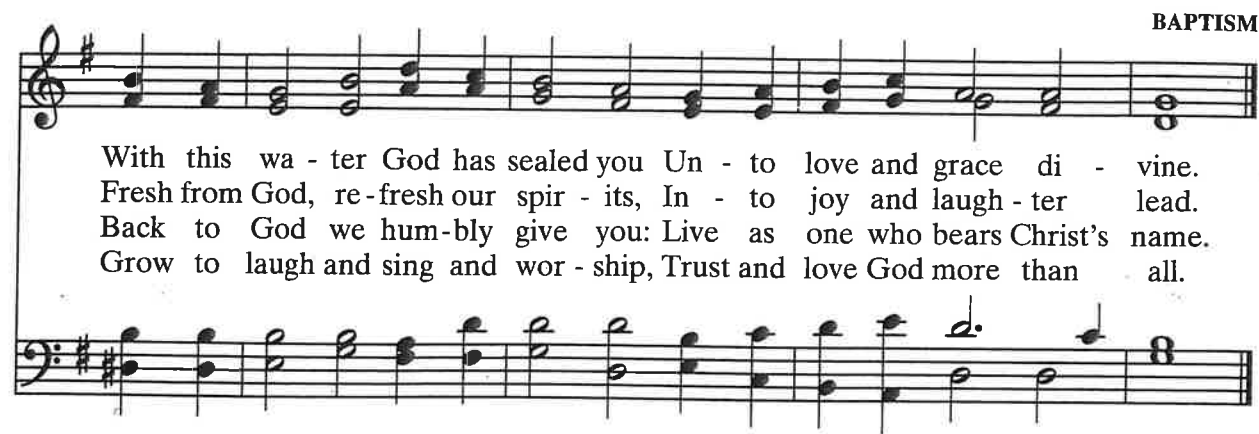
KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
 3. Child of joy, our dear-est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.

BAPTISM



With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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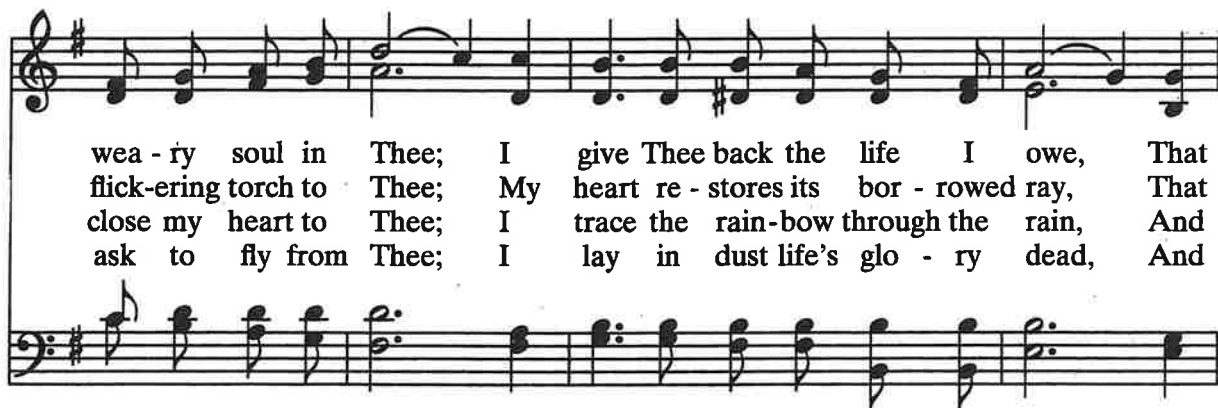
ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

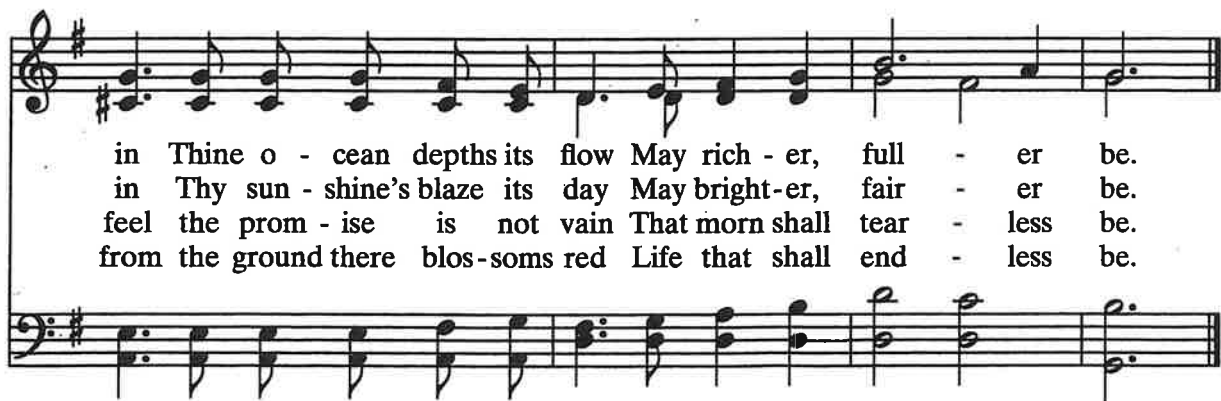
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
 flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
 ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Praise God for the liv - ing Word.

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Luke 4:16-20

LIFE IN CHRIST

Live Into Hope

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TRURO LM

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

August 16 – 23, 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

Today's Sunday Enrichment — August 16 11:30 a.m. | Assembly Room

Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Sheryl Johnson will be speaking on how our spiritual and justice values should inform church finances and budgeting.

**HOH Writing Group | Thursday, August 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! No RSVP necessary - join us!



Bikes 'N' Burgers: Saturday, September 5 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Theme: "What Side Are You On?": Labor, Fascism and Antifascist Resistance in mid-century Minneapolis

-- echoes in January 2026 and beyond. Contact Elsa Kendig for more information.



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.



Save the Date: September 13 is Rally Sunday!

Rally Sunday is the time to gather for the start of a new program year! Sunday School classes for all ages resume at a new time, 9:10

a.m., with breakfast available starting at 8:30 a.m. Join us for our celebration worship as our Motet Choir returns and an all-church picnic with burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. Sweet Fruci's Ice Cream Truck will be back with ice cream treats. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome! We will have inflatables for children and lawn games.

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

Pride Enrichments in August. What is the queer perspective on the Bible and theology? This summer our Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Scott Jones and Director of Children and Family Ministry Dr. Jimmy Hoke will present Enrichments exploring the queer perspective. 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

• **On Sunday, August 30** at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room, Madison McClendon (she/her) will join Scott and Jimmy for a conversation discussing what churches can do to live into queer theologies, help protect trans and queer humans, and work for LGBTQIA2S+ justice.

Week Beginning August 16, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 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. Sunday Enrichment, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 1

Monday, August 17, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 18, 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

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
6 p.m. Summer in the Park, HOH Park

Thursday, August 20, 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

Friday, August 21, 2026

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

Saturday, August 22, 2026

9 a.m. All Officer Retreat, Great Hall

Sunday, August 23, 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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