

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"In the process of attending to this story, we realize that good and bad are not as easily distinguishable as we wish they were."

– Eugene H. Peterson

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 23, 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.

## 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. 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](mailto: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

Fantasy on ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN  
Pam Humphrey, Trumpet; Aaron David Miller, Organist

A. D. Miller

### +Opening Hymn 470

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

**God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.**

### +Prayer of Confession

**We seek your will, O God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world.**

**Transform us in your image. Grant us forgiveness**

**for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.**

**Teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen.**

### +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

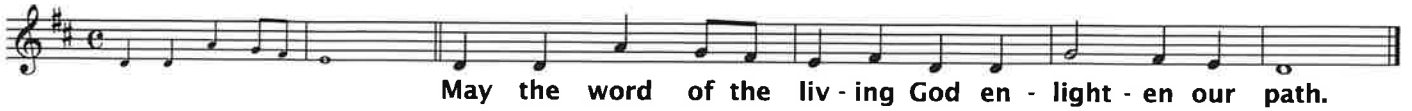


Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Sung Affirmation



### First Lesson

Matthew 7:15-20 (NT, p. 7 in pew Bible)

Bruce Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Solo

*Processio Solemnis*

A. D. Miller

### Time for Children

Elsa Kendig

*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.*

### Second Lesson

1 Samuel 14:49-51; 18:17-21, 29 (OT, pp. 258, 263 in pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

*Seeking*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### <sup>+</sup>Hymn (*see insert*)

*Be Still My Soul*

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**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls all peoples to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

### **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:

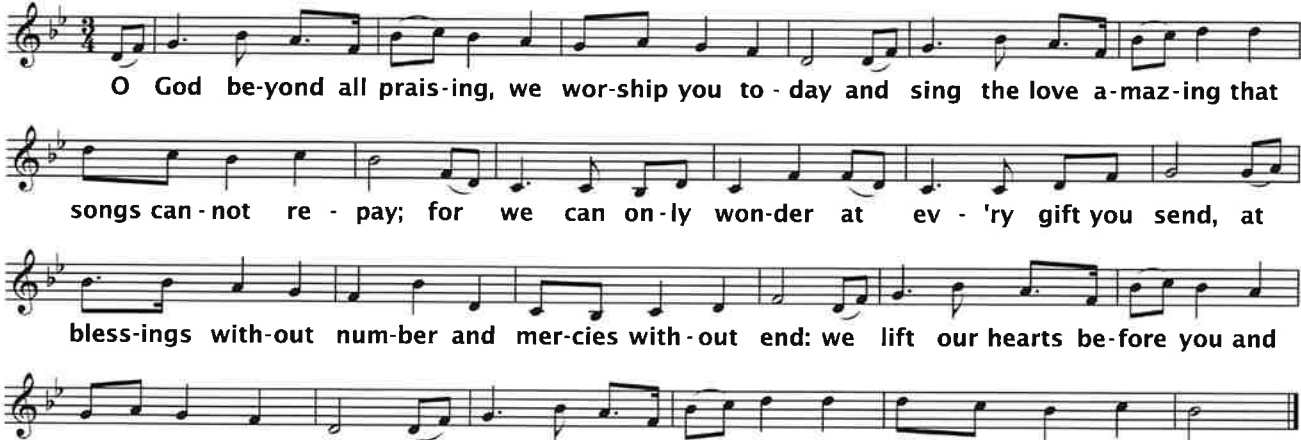
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| <b>- In-Person.</b> | Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.    |
| <b>- Website.</b>   | On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift" |
| <b>- Mail.</b>      | Mail a check to 797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

## Offertory Solo

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. A. D. Miller

### +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 341

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

### +Benediction

### Postlude

*Benediction*

A. D. Miller

### 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**

**DUO CORDA**  
TUESDAY AUGUST 25 · 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.**

## 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/>

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## O Day of Radiant Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN 7.6.7.6 D

Stanzas 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth, 1862; alt.

Stanza 3, Charles P. Price, 1980

Stanza 4, *The Hymnal* 1982

Memmingen ms., 17th century

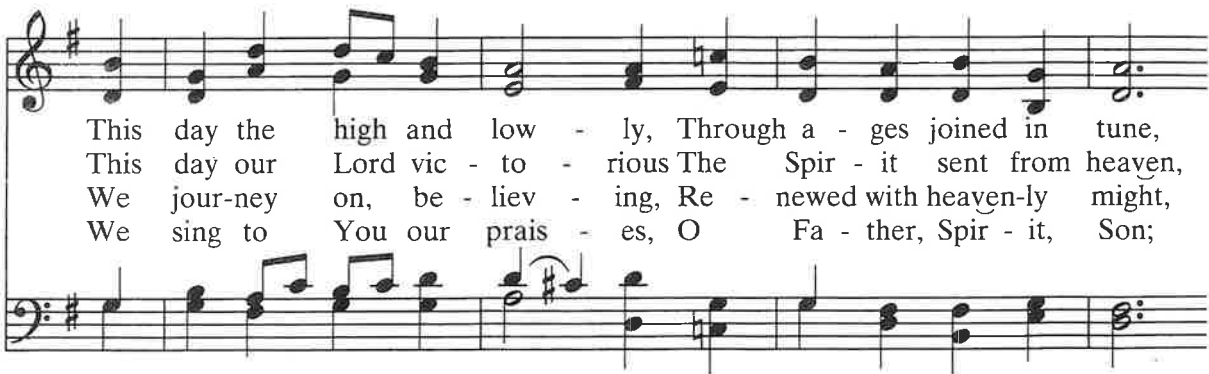
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904



1. O day of ra-diant glad-ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2. This day at the cre-a-tion The light first had its birth;  
 3. This day God's peo-ple, meet-ing, The Ho-ly Scrip-ture hear;  
 4. That light our hope sus-tain-ing, We walk the pil-grim way,



O balm of care and sad-ness, Most beau-ti-ful, most bright;  
 This day for our sal-va-tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 Christ's liv-ing pres-ence greet-ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
 At length our rest at-tain-ing, Our end-less Sab-bath day.



This day the high and low-ly, Through a-ges joined in tune,  
 This day our Lord vic-to-rious The Spir-it sent from heaven,  
 We jour-ney on, be-liev-ing, Re-newed with heaven-ly might,  
 We sing to You our prais-es, O Fa-ther, Spir-it, Son;



Sing "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" To the great God tri-une.  
 And thus this day most glo-rious A tri-ple light was given.  
 From grace more grace re-ceiv-ing On this blest day of light.  
 The church its voice up-raises To You, blest Three in One.



# Be Still, My Soul



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873



1. Ye su rul nae ga joo ro mee duh Sung nyung gwa

2. Ye su keh maat kin nah eh ma um Sa rahng eh

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a

2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of



pee ro ssuh kuh dum nah nee Seh sahng eh in nun

sok sah gim tu ru myun suh Heen oh sul ee bun

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,

rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels, de - scend - ing,



nae young hon ee Ha nu reh young gwang noo ree doh dah

chun sah dul gwa Shin bee hahn whan sahng bo ree ro dah

pur - chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.

bring from a - bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.



Ee go she nah eh kahn jeung ee yo Ee go she

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my



nah eh chan song ee rah Nah sah nun dong ahn

Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,



ggeun im up see Ye su eh ee rum chan song hah ree

this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His  
love.

*Refrain*

*Beginning Rally Sunday, September 13, 2026*

# Faith Formation is...

Four Components of Faith Formation

## Education

Time to learn and explore the stories of our faith (scripture) and how we talk about God and God's role in our lives (theology).

## Worship

Time to glorify God and connect our bodies, minds, and spirits to God together.



## Service

Time to put our faith into action by living out God's justice and helping others.

## Community

Time to connect, play, and build relationships with our congregation and neighbors.

## Redesigned Sunday Schedule

### 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Time

Casual time to eat breakfast and connect with families.

### 9:10–9:50 a.m. Education Time

Sunday School with class opportunities for children, youth, and adults.

### 10–11 a.m. Worship Time

Worship offerings for all ages in sanctuary and chapel.

### 11 a.m.–Noon(ish) Community Time

Time to build community through coffee, cookies, and enrichment.

## What are benefits of this aligned schedule?

**Reducing competing opportunities for worship and education**

**Helping families model faith formation at all ages**

**Providing Bible study and spiritual practice opportunities for parents/adults who cannot make midweek daytime offerings**

**Supporting children and youth participation in worship**

**Community building for all ages**



## How does alignment live into House of Hope's mission, vision, and values?

**Whole church responsibility for Faith Formation**

**Opportunity for everyone at every age to develop capacities and engage all four components of faith formation**

**Worship as central to human flourishing**

**Building on rich educational offerings for children while expanding them to children, youth, parents, and all adults**



# News & Opportunities

August 23 – 30, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

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

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

**Pride Enrichment Next Week.** What is the queer perspective on the Bible and theology? **On Sunday, August 30** at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room, join Senior Pastor Scott Jones and Dr. Jimmy Hoke in a panel discussion on *What Churches Should be Doing for LGBTQIA2S+ Justice* with special guest Madison McClendon. Madison is a queer trans woman, who realized at age 35 that while God places many important callings into people's lives, the calling placed into her was to be a woman. Her focus is on expanding and explaining that calling to communities attempting to discern the ongoing movement of God's spirit.

## Pilgrimage to Scotland: "God Be Your Light", Cathedrals of Earth, Sea, and Sky

Join Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson, HOH Associate Pastor Emerita, to Scotland on **May 22-June 4, 2027**. Information packets and a registration forms are available in the church office. Questions? Contact: [juliac.pilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:juliac.pilgrimages@gmail.com)

## 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.



**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. (see **Faith Formation insert for full schedule**). 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.

**Giving Voice** is hosting a one-hour **Dementia Friends** Information Session this **Friday, August 28, 10 p.m.-12 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour**, to increase understanding of dementia and help make communities dementia-friendly. You will learn five key messages about dementia, what it's like to live with the disease, and how to turn your understanding into action that supports people living with dementia. QR code for more information and registration, or call Madeline Cieslak (651) 223-7545.



## Caregiving Conversations Sunday, September 6 Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

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. Contact Rev. Dix Brachlow for more information.



## NAMI Walk for Mental Health | Saturday, September 26

From HOH member John Zwier: This is the fourth year in a row that I have joined Rev. Dix Brachlow and many other House of Hope members in this Walk-a-thon in support of Mental Health. I love this event. Community, fresh air, a little exercise, beautiful Mississippi River scenery, and a great excuse to talk to my kiddos about mental health. 1 in 5 adults (including me!) suffers from a mental health issue in their lives, something few people realize. Minnesota's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)'s support is vital for the well-being of so many people. And this is a great opportunity to give back.

On September 26, we will gather at 11:30 a.m. at a round table in front of SeaSalt Eatery, Minneapolis, with royal blue shirts and balloons. Lots of information tables, speakers, musicians, and inspiration will be there. Please Register to walk with us -- a 5 km walk along the Mississippi. If you cannot walk, we are grateful for contributions. **To Register or Donate:** <https://www.namiwalks.org/teams/86276>

## Week Beginning August 23, 2026

### 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

### Monday, August 24, 2026

5 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library  
6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room  
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

### Tuesday, August 25, 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  
7 p.m. Summer in the Park, HOH Park

### Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel

### Thursday, August 27, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library

### Friday, August 28, 2026

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

### Sunday, August 30, 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

### 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.

To support  
House of Hope,  
please use this  
QR code.



For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).



## In Memoriam

**John Allen Larsen** joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on October 1, 1985.  
John entered the Church Triumphant on July 16, 2026.  
A memorial service will be held in the fall of this year.

**Todd Arnold Erickson** joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on March 5, 1978.  
John entered the Church Triumphant on August 19, 2026.  
A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

*"If we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."  
Romans 14:8*



## Clergy

**Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones**, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff  
**Rev. Phillip J. Romine**, Associate Pastor for Spiritual and Community Care  
**Rev. James D. Cochrane**, Transitional Executive Associate Pastor

## Care Pastors:

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House of Hope  
is a Stephen  
Ministry Church.

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