

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The texts and other works that tradition has handed down to us are not so much objects over which we exercise mastery as they are voices to which we do well to listen."
-Merold Westphal

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 6, 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. 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

Contact Choir School Director Jessica Bandelin at JessicaB@hohchurch.org

Carillon Program to Commemorate September 11, 2001.

This year marks the 25th year since the terrorists' attacks in New York City, Washington DC, and Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA. This solemn day will be remembered by the Noyes Memorial Carillon. First, the bourdon bell (lowest bell) will be struck once at each moment a tower fell or plane crashed (8:37 a.m. through 9:28 a.m. - CT). At noon, a 30 minute recital of music will conclude the commemoration. Programs will be available.



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

Chorale in E Major
Aaron David Miller, Organist

César Franck

+Opening Hymn 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

Praise the Creator and sing a new song,
a song of hope to all the world!

+Prayer of Confession

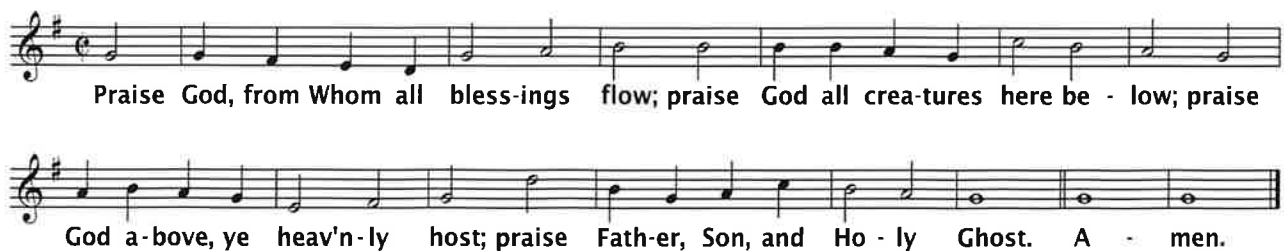
Incline your ears to us, O God.
For we have been wronged, and we have done wrong.
Love has been withheld from us, and we have withheld it from others.
We have been weakened by oppression, and we have profited from it.
Give us new ears to hear you anew, Ageless One.
Open us to the wonder of your image in one another.

+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 18:15-16, 18-20 (NT, p. 20 in pew Bible)

Debby Fulton

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Solo

Fantasy on *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

A. D. Miller

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.

Second Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (OT, p. 802 in pew Bible)

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Listen and Grow

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 321

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

SONG 13

+ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. James D. Cochrane

— from *A Proposed New Confession for the PC(USA)*, February 20, 2026

**As members of this wondrous creation,
made in God's image and likeness,
humanity echoes the overflowing and boundless love of the Creator.
Each of us, all of us—
of every race, culture, language, nation,
ability, gender, and affection—
are called to manifest God's image and likeness:
in our love for God,
in our love for neighbors and strangers as ourselves,
and in loving communion with all creation.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

(The prayers will begin with a moment for silent reflection.)

**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

Scherzo

Eugène Gigout

+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 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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+Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

John Weaver

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.

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW SINGERS - SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 9

The Motet Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 p.m., and anyone interested in joining as a new singer should reach out to Matthew Culloton via e-mail: MatthewC@hohchurch.org. The choir is open to experienced singers who are college-aged or older. New members are invited to participate in a commitment-free period of a few rehearsals prior to singing on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., and the choir sings most Sunday mornings from September-July. We'd be eager to meet anyone interested in joining the powerful music ministry work that the Motet Choir provides.

The Bells of Hope will reconvene Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m. If you have music reading skills and wish to learn the art of handbell ringing, stop by and try it out. It's great fun and you will learn much. A new ringer partners with an experienced ringer (same notes, same bells) to help a new ringer become comfortable with ringing techniques. The group rehearses weekly and rings monthly October through May. No audition is required, but an in-person meeting with the director helps determine placement in the ensemble. Contact Tim Short if you have questions (TimS@hohchurch.org).

Sacred Bells is our ensemble which rings patterns (no music reading skills required) at various times within a worship service. The group rehearses on a Sunday morning and meets about 5 times a year. Sacred Bells will ring on Rally Sunday, September 13. Join us and learn ringing patterns for the 10 a.m. service. Anyone from junior high age to adult ages can participate. We meet at 9:30 a.m. that morning to learn the patterns. Contact Tim for details/ questions (TimS@hohchurch.org).

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Forrest Blanton Bessinger, Jr.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of The Rev. Calvin W. Didier.

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.

Children and youth attend all Sunday events FREE, and as a special invitation

to the House of Hope community, we're offering 25% off adult tickets - for both Saturday and Sunday presentations - with promo code HOPE25.

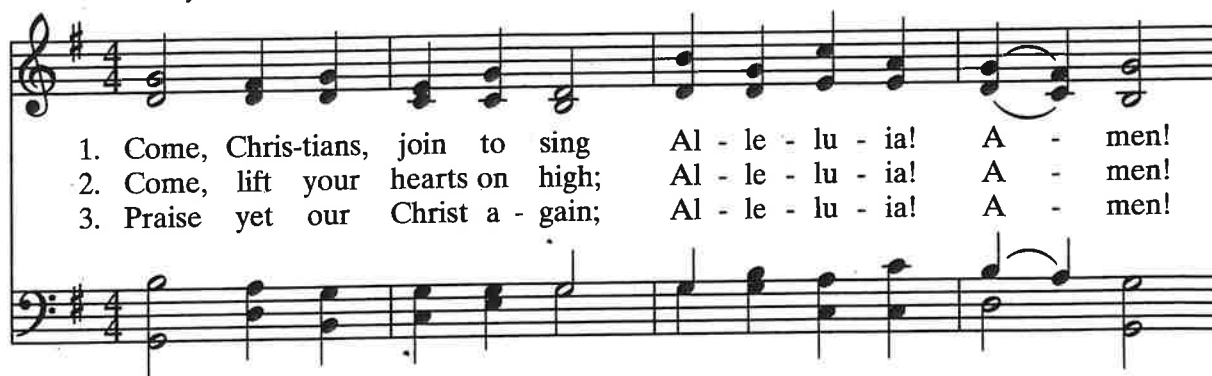
Please help us spread the word! If there's a family, grandparent, teacher, neighbor, or friend in your life who would love this weekend, forward this invitation and bring them along. The promo code is theirs to use, too.

We're hoping to fill House of Hope for a joyful weekend of creativity, discovery, and community — and we'd love to have you there.

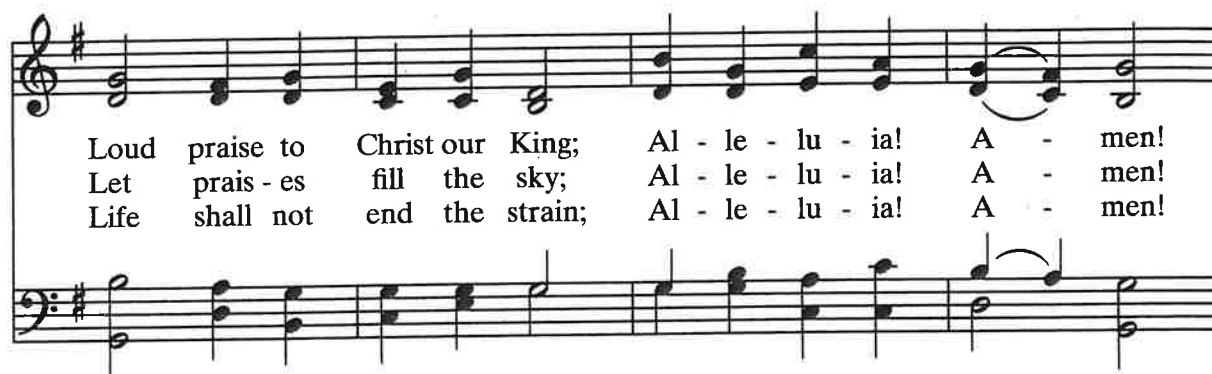
For tickets and registration: <https://www.hohchurch.org/hope-arts-center/>

Spanish folk melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

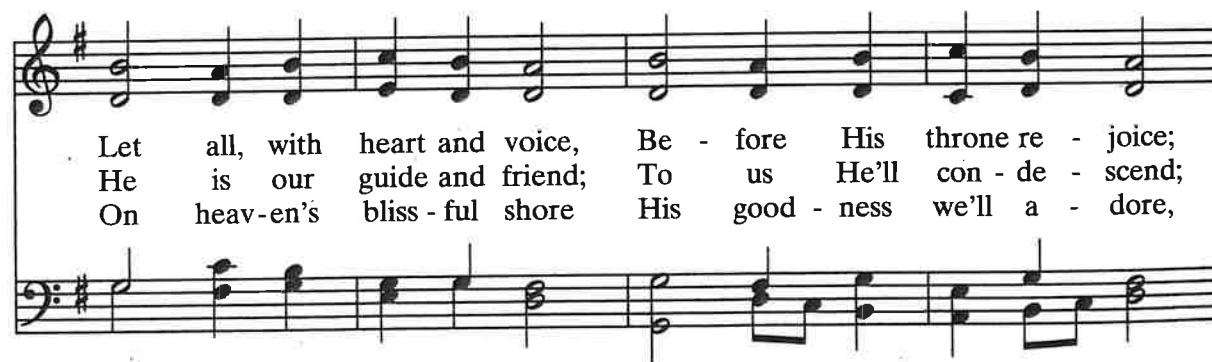
Christian Henry Bateman, 1843



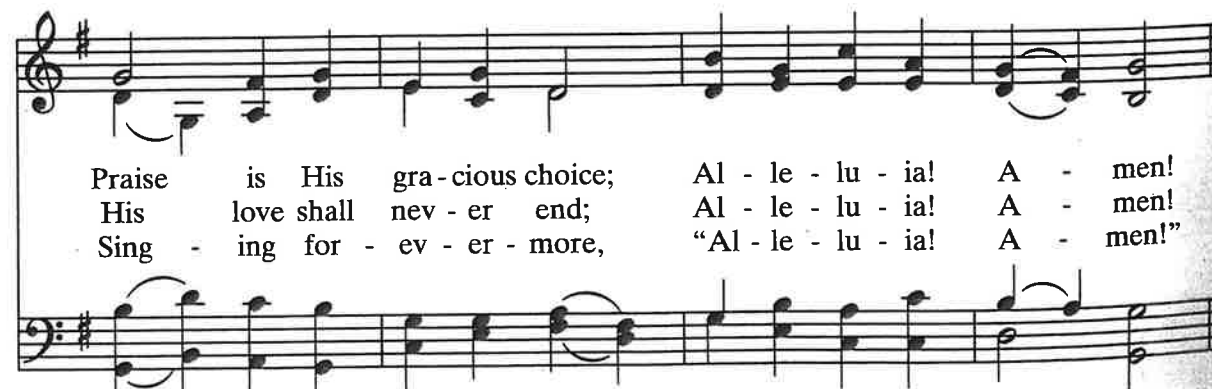
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,



Praise is His gra - cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt. 1987

SONG 13 7.7.7.7

Orlando Gibbons, 1623; alt.

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, Dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, Glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, Make my con-science whol - ly Thine;

HOLY SPIRIT

Word of God, and in - ward light, Wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire; Per - ish self in Thy pure fire.
 By Thee may I strong-ly live, Brave-ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 Be my law, and I shall be Firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

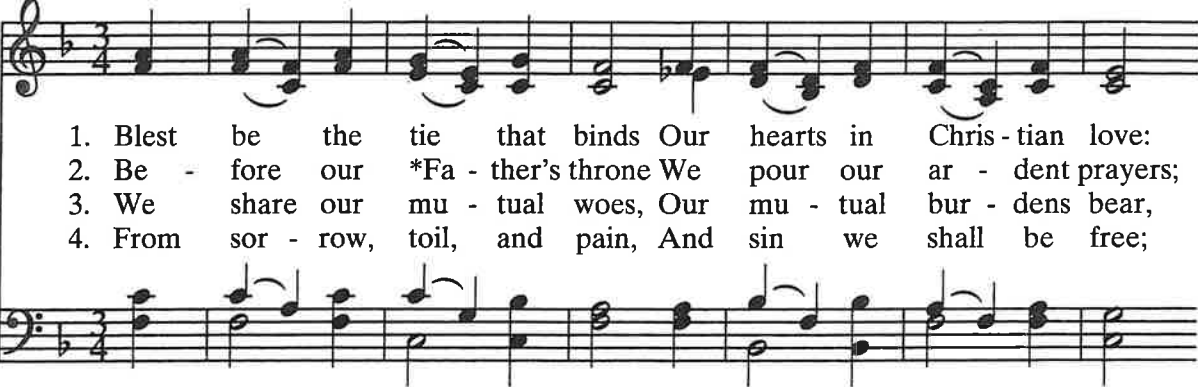
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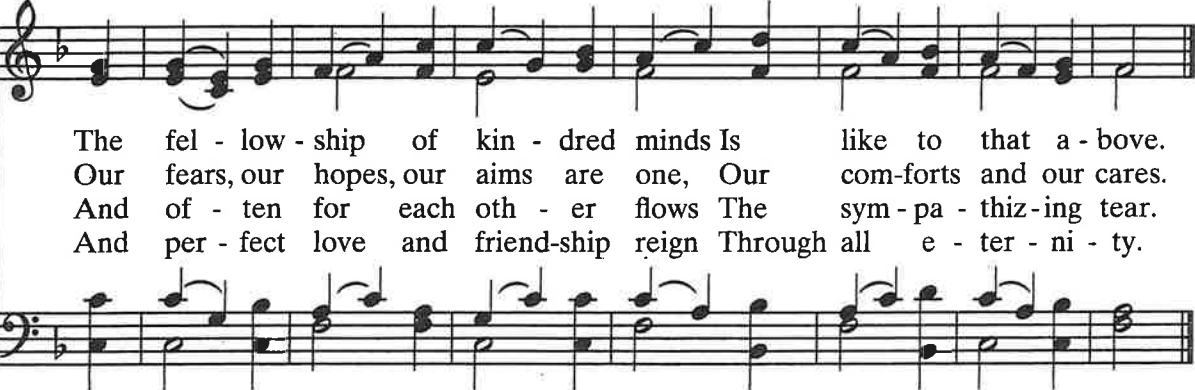
John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
 2. Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's."

September 6 – 13, 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

Caregiving Conversations | Today, Sunday, September 6 | Bridal 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.

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

Great Decisions | Tuesday, September 8 3:30 p.m. | Kirk Parlour

Speaker: Dr. Christi Siver will present: *The Future of Human Rights and International Law in a Divided World*. Human rights are basic rights that all humans should have but enforcing them is difficult in a world filled with poverty, tyranny, and corruption. Dr. Christi Siver is a professor at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN.

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, September 9 | Room 1 | 9:30 a.m.

We are a group ready to hear anew the Sunday Scripture passages with discussion together. It requires only a Bible — and beginners are welcome!



NEXT SUNDAY:

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive at House of Hope

Wednesday, September 23 | Rooms A & B

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Give the gift of life! If you've never given blood but are looking for a meaningful way to help our neighbors, please give it a try. **Register:** redcrossblood.org/give
Sponsor Code: houseofhope
or contact the church for assistance.

Save the Date: Carnival of the Animals Saturday, September 26 | 10 a.m. - Noon.

Join us for a new community celebration in the HOH Park honoring the special role animals play in our lives! Meet local animal rescues, therapy animal programs, animal ambassadors, and wildlife and environmental organizations dedicated to animal care, welfare, and protection. Sweet Fruci's Ice Cream truck will be onsite for treats and pupcups. Bring the whole family—pets included—to the celebration. Pastors will offer a liturgy of blessing of the animals at 10:30 a.m., and will also be available to bless pets throughout the morning.



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 September 6, 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

Monday, September 7, 2026

Office and Building Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8, 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
- 3:30 pm Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
- 4 p.m. Staff Support Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 4 p.m. Matthew 25, Room 1/Zoom
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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.

Thursday, September 10, 2026

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
- 10 a.m. House of Hope Writing Group, Room 1
- 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 11, 2026

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmer's Market, Summit Lot

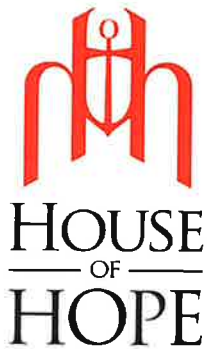
Rally Sunday, September 13, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Time, Kirk Parlour
- 9:10 a.m. Education Time, East Wing
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Children's Worship, Elizabeth Chapel
- 11 a.m. Rally Sunday Picnic, Summit Lawn

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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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