

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Children gather time. By carrying them, we're moved deeply into the now.
This is their gift to us."

– Andrew Root

Children and Family Weekend | September 20, 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.

Please join us for a time of Faith Formation on Sunday Mornings:

8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Kirk Parlour | 9:10 a.m. Education Time/Sunday School – East Wing

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and enrichment 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:

All children need to be registered before leaving their guardians for programming.

If your child is not registered, use this form: <https://bit.ly/CFMregistration> or QR code:



- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, third graders and younger (with their guardians) are invited to Children's Worship in the Chapel. Fourth and Fifth graders may sit with volunteers at the tables in the West Transept. Caregivers should pick up their children from the Transept or Chapel immediately following the service. Children are always welcome to stay in worship with their guardians.
- **A Wiggle Space** for children is available in the Bridal Room near the chapel with books and toys for your use, as well as a livestream of the service. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- **Worship bags** are available at sanctuary entrances. Children's Bibles are located in the pews.
- **Nursery** in the East Wing is open for children age four and younger. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing** 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 staff member any time!

Dr. Jimmy Hoke, Director of Christian Education: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Sign up for Jimmy's CFM Updates here: bit.ly/CFMUpdates

Elsa Kendig, Director of Youth, Family, and Justice Ministries: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Welcoming Class Today

September 20 | 11:15 a.m. in the Library

Whether you're new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This is an opportunity to learn about our congregation and church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope.



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

Two Elevations
Aaron David Miller, Organ

Paul Benoit

Introit

Forever, O Lord
The Motet Choir; Paige Armstrong, Guest Conductor

Max Reger

+Processional Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

+Call To Worship *(Congregation reads the text in bold)*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

God of every blessing, we remember the works of your hands.

Sustain us with your strength and keep surprising us with the gifts of life.

+Prayer of Confession

We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of you, O Christ.

We try to stand firm in your spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us.

In humility and faith, we confess. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace.

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.)*

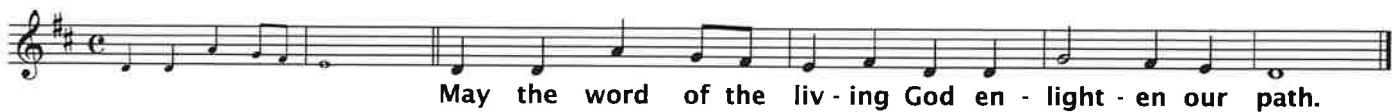
+Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures 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 Acclamation



First Lesson

Matthew 18:1-14 (NT, p. 19-20 in pew Bible)

Katie Anderson

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius;
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus;
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen:
and his wonders unto all people.*

Time for Children

Rev. Jim Cochrane

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Second Lesson

Matthew 19:13-15 (NT, p. 20 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

Carrying Kids

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 304

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

Presentation of Confirmands — Elisabeth H. and Isla K.

The Rite of Confirmation

Laying on of Hands

Welcoming the Confirmands (unison)

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. James D. Cochrane

**With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

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:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Give"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

Offertory Anthem

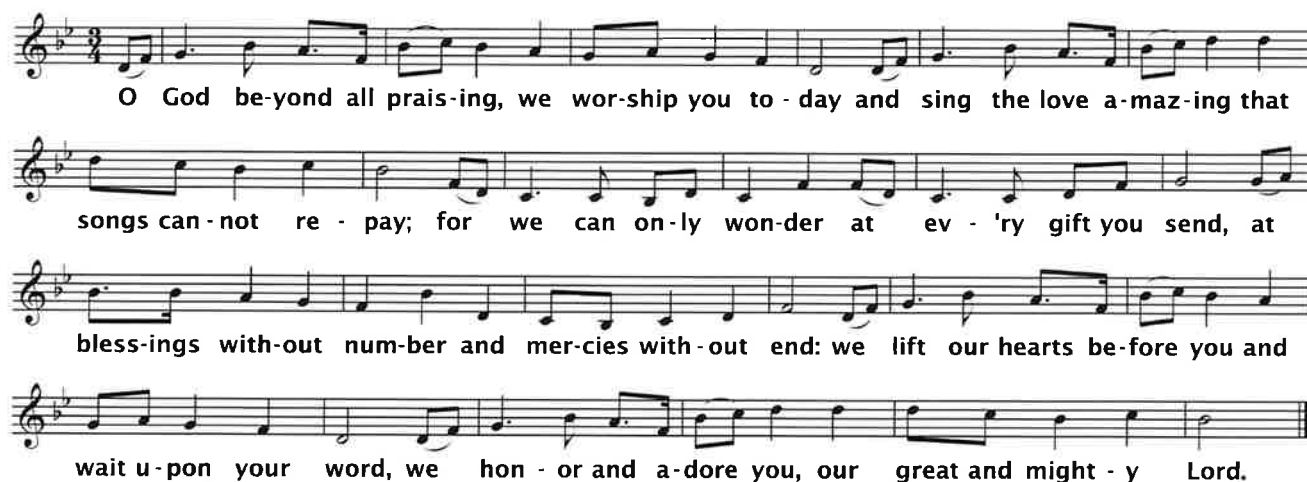
Happy Are All They Who Fear the Lord

Bruce Neswick

Happy are all they who fear the Lord
And who follow in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
Happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful
vine within your house,
Your children like olive shoots
round about your table,

The man who fears the Lord
shall thus indeed be blessed.
The Lord bless you from Zion,
And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
All the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children;
May peace be upon Israel.

+ 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

+ Recessional Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Carillon Postlude

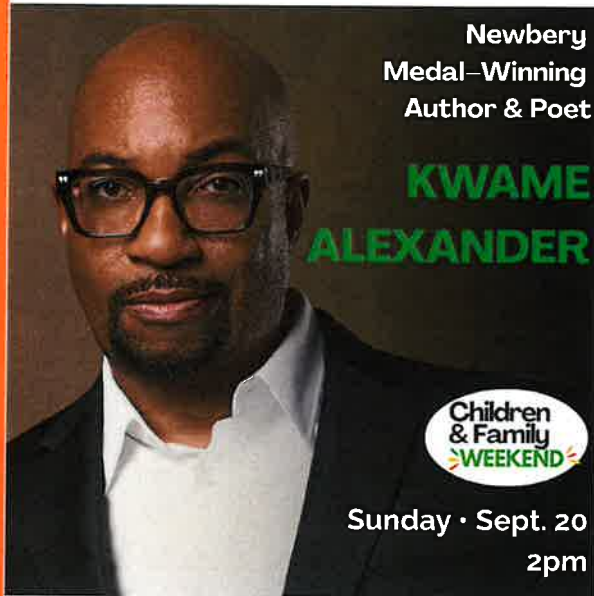
Timothy Short, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Lindsay Knutson.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of Bryan J. Stendahl.

Children & Family Weekend — TODAY!

Join us this afternoon for a joyful celebration of creativity, resilience, and finding your unique voice.



Come early beginning at 12:30 p.m. for open-house-style all-ages activities throughout the building, including puppet-making with In the Heart of the Beast, dance trends through the decades with Young Dance, student music performances, books from Red Balloon Bookshop, and more. All activities for children and youth are FREE!

At 2 p.m., Heart of the Beast giant puppets will lead a parade into the sanctuary for Newbery Medal-winning author and poet Kwame Alexander who takes the stage for an inspiring conversation, joined by Arleta Little of The Loft Literary Center.

Stay afterward for a festive reception with food, a DJ dance party, poetry, and a book signing with Kwame Alexander.

Sunday, September 20 | Activities begin at 12:30 p.m. | Kwame Alexander at 2 p.m.

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



Sunday Series with Dacher Keltner

Sunday, October 11 | 2 p.m.

Dacher Keltner is a Professor of Psychology at UC Berkeley, Director of the Berkeley Social Interaction Lab, and Faculty Director of the Greater Good Science Center. A leading expert on emotions, awe, power, and inequality, he has authored more than 190 scientific publications and several bestselling books, including *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life* and *The Power Paradox*. Keltner served as scientific consultant for Pixar's *Inside Out* films, hosts *The Science of Happiness* podcast, and received the 2025 William James Fellow Award for lifetime achievement from the Association for Psychological Science.

For free tickets, register here: www.hohchurch.org/tickets.



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Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy

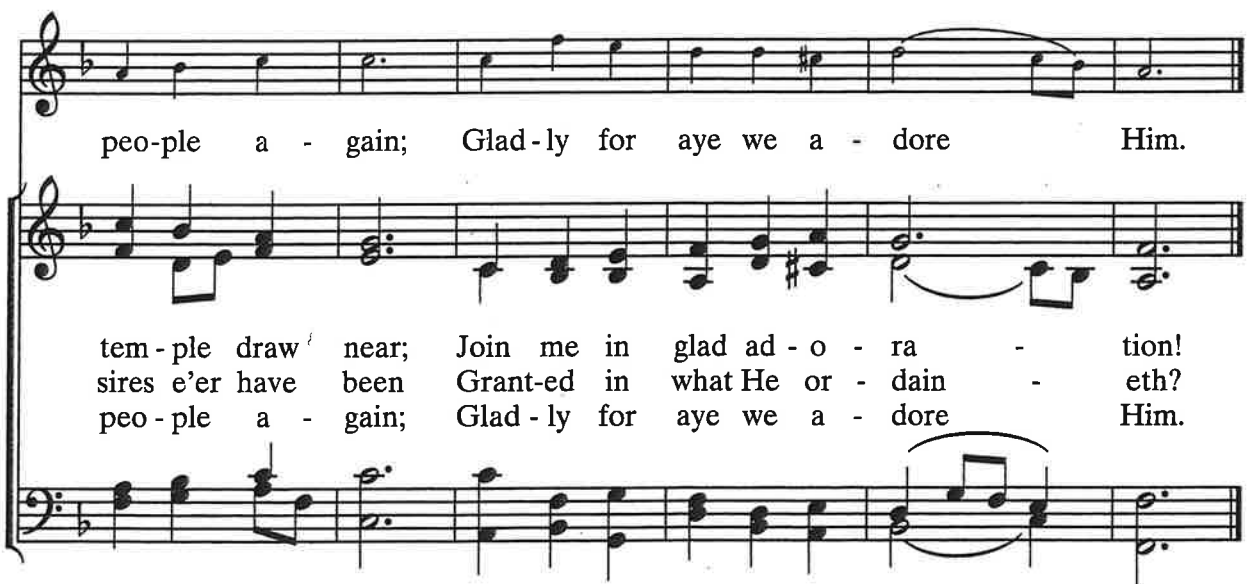
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

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prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His



peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

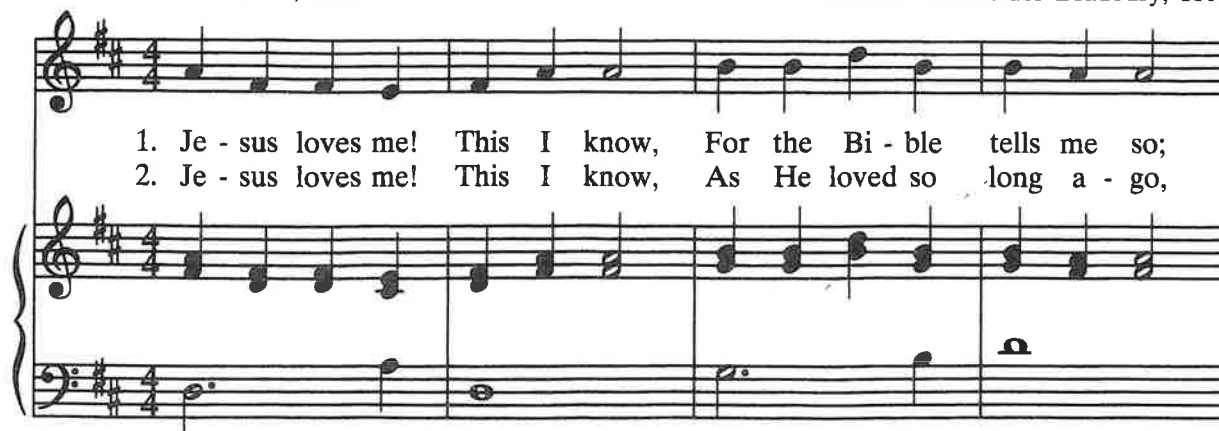
Jesus Loves Me!

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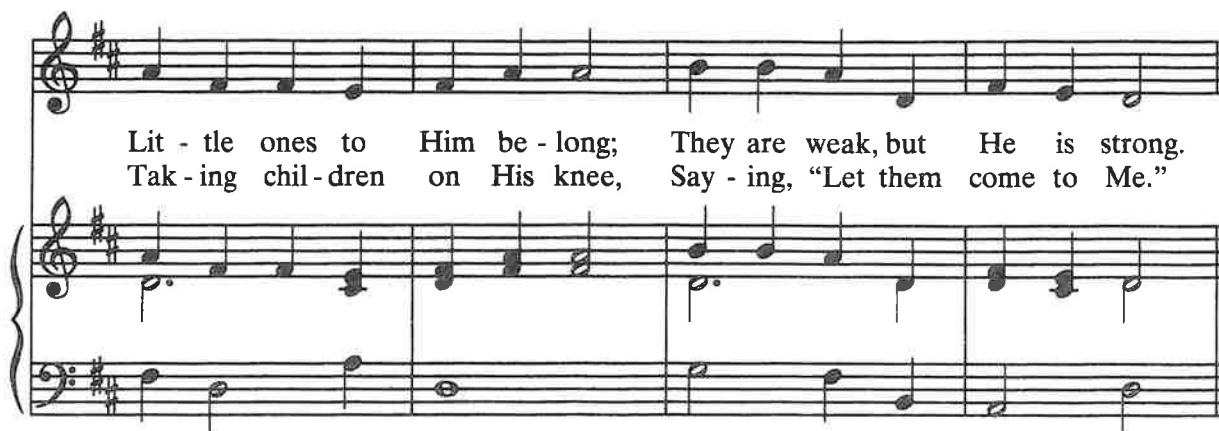
JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

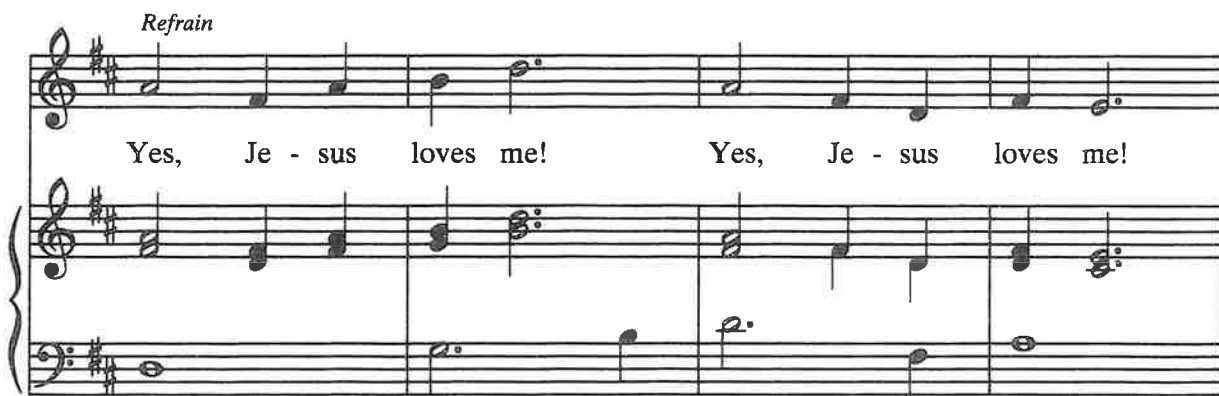


1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long a - go,

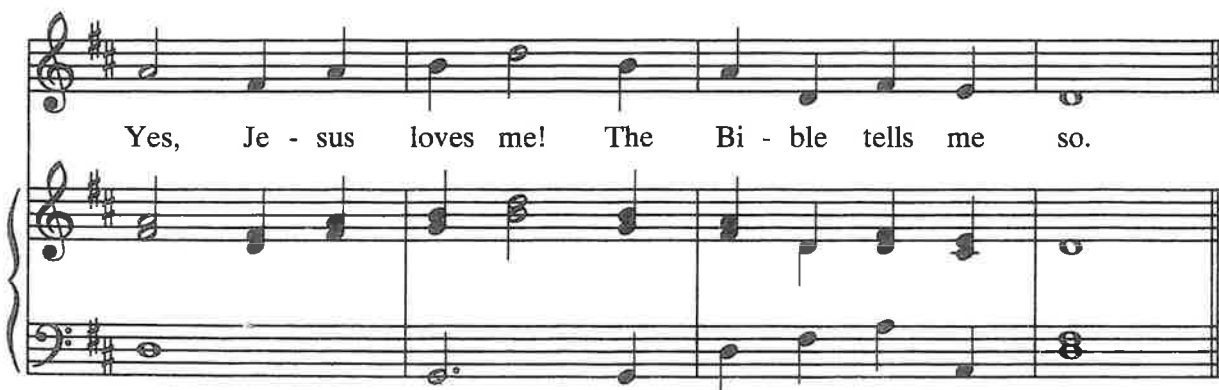


Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to Me."

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Welsh folk melody
Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

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THANKSGIVING HYMNS

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad-ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

September 20 – 27, 2026



Carnival of the Animals Saturday, September 26 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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.

Sunday Weekday Connections Tuesday, September 22 | 5:30 p.m.

Kirk Parlour. Join the women of HOH and their friends for a light supper. Martha McCartney, will be our speaker. **Sign up here:**
<https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

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!

Register: redcrossblood.org/give
Sponsor Code: houseofhope

Peace Pole Commissioning | Monday, September 21, 11 a.m. Community Garden

In this season of war, we recommit ourselves to peace. On International Day of Peace, we will commission the newly installed House of Hope Peace Pole given to the church by our former Transitional Pastor Rev. Dr. Scott and Gail Kenefake, and installed along the Summit Ave sidewalk near the Community Garden. Gather on the lawn in front of the East Wing at 11 a.m. for a brief service to commemorate the pole and pray for peace.

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS.

The Motet Choir resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays 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 Bells of Hope | Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

No audition is required, but an in-person meeting with the director recommended. **Sacred Bells** is our ensemble which rings patterns (no music reading skills required) at various times within a worship service. Contact Tim for details/ questions (TimS@hohchurch.org)

The House of Hope Choir School

<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

Contact Jessica Bandelin, JessicaB@hohchurch.org

Choir School Holiday Wreath and Plant

Sale: Order online September 21 - October 29. Order pick up is December 2, between 4 - 6 p.m. Wreaths, holiday arrangements, gift cards, and poinsettias from Gertens! Proceeds support The HOH Choir School. **To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com** and enter **Store ID 95**

Wednesday Bible Study Room 1 | 9:30 a.m.

It requires only a Bible — and beginners are welcome!

PRAYER RETREAT - All are Welcome!

Saturday, October 3, 8:30-11:45am. Room 1

Come along to learn ways of prayer, to listen to your life. Become closer to God in prayer, for yourself and for others. Presenter Norma Strommen, Spiritual Director and Prayer Circle leader, will guide us into new ways of prayer and attentiveness to God among us. Who? Intercessors and all who want enrichment in prayer.

Sponsored by Intercessors at House of Hope. Please register by September 30:

<https://bit.ly/2026PrayerRetreat> or call the church office or DWBrachlow@gmail.com



NAMI Walk for Mental Health | Saturday, September 26

Join this Walk-a-thon in support of Mental Health. On September 26, gather at 8 a.m. at SeaSalt Eatery, Mpls, with royal blue shirts and balloons. Lots of information tables, speakers, musicians, and more! Register for 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>



First Friday Jazz Returns!

Jazz Savvy Trio with Dorothy Doring, Joe Mayo & Scott Graves

Friday, October 2 • 6-8 p.m. | Assembly Room

Adults \$25 | Children & Youth Free | Light fare & beverages included

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.

Week Beginning September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Time, Kirk Parlour
- 9 a.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 7
- 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. Post-Pilgrimage Gathering, Room 1
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
- 12:30 p.m. Red Balloon book sales, Music Performance, Kirk Parlour
- 12:30 p.m. Young Dance Workshop, Assembly Room
- 12:30 p.m. In the Heart of the Beast Puppet workshop, Dining A&B
- 2 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Parade
- 2:05 p.m. Sunday Series: Kwame Alexander, Sanctuary
- 3 p.m. Community Celebration, book signing, Great Hall

Monday, September 21, 2026

- 11 a.m. Peace Pole Commissioning, Community Garden
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, September 22, 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
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Weekday Connections, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Dining A&B, Great Hall
- 12 p.m. Adult Ministry Committee Meeting, Room 1
- 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 24, 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
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 25, 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
- 7 p.m. Youth Overnight, Great Hall

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- 8 a.m. NAMI Walk, Sea Salt Eatery
- 10 a.m. Carnival of the Animals, HOH Park

Sunday, September 27, 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
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room



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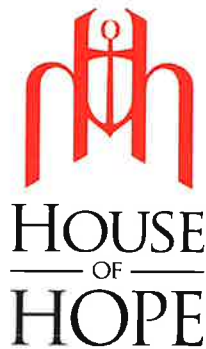
Rev. Phillip J. Romine

as Associate Pastor for Spiritual and Community Care of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 10 a.m. Worship Service

Clergy are invited to robe and process.
If you wish to process, be robed in the Library by 9:30 a.m.

A reception will follow the service.



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

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