

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 30, 2023 10 a.m.

Welcome!

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

House of Hope extends the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here. Our church uses traditional worship, progressive values, and intellectual growth to enable people to better serve the neighborhood, community, and the world.

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

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, including fair trade coffee, served in the **Cloister Gallery** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship. Following the Children's Blessing, children are invited to join us for Sunday School, as we engage in faith formation via story, prayer, and activities.
 - A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
 - **Children's bulletins and crayons** are located at all Sanctuary entrances. (Please return the crayons.)
 - **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable.
- **Wiggle Room:** Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. For those who desire a wiggle break, the Library is equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and livestream worship.

Adult Enrichment | 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Today: *History and Tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church* with Dr. Ann Woods.

Join us to deepen your understanding of the Eastern Orthodox Christianity through a discussion of their rich history, traditions, and practice of their faith. Dr. Ann Woods is the Catechism Assistant Coordinator at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, a neighboring church of House of Hope.

Confirmation Sunday is May 7! We will welcome this year's confirmation class in worship. Following the congregational meeting, all are welcome to greet our new members and enjoy cake in the Cloister Gallery.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Aria for Violin and Organ
Timothy Short, Organist; Julian Simpson, Violin

Susan Nelson

Introit

Blessed are They
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Eric Thiman

+ Processional Hymn 458

Earth and All Stars

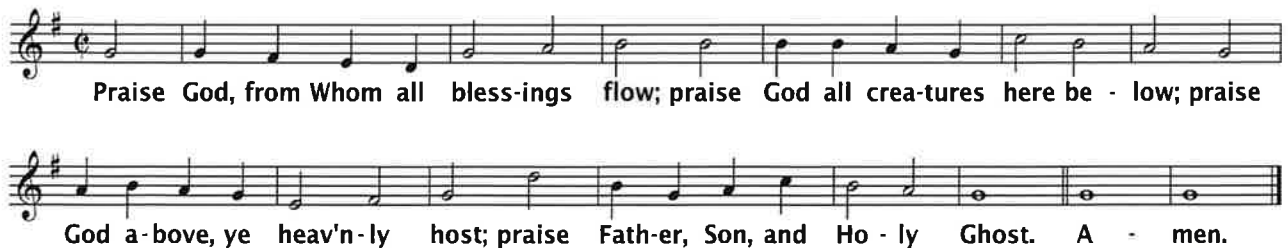
DEXTER

+ Eastertide Affirmation (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

**Just as Jesus appeared before his disciples in his resurrected form
still bearing the scars of the crucifixion — this world is wounded, deeply,
yet at the same time, there is resurrection and transformation.
We are called to care for creation in its beauty and in its wounded-ness.
The resurrection of Jesus offers hope of new life, for all of creation,
and for generations to come. God of creation, fill us with this hope,
for in our brokenness we can do nothing apart from 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

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum
Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new canticle:
let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.*

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Psalm 19:1-6 (OT, pp. 498-499 in pew Bible)

Laurel Gamm

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sing Ye Joyfully!

Don Besig

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardanan, Director; Timothy Short, Piano

Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord!
Sing all ye nations! Sing all ye people!
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord
and praise His holy name
singing "Alleluia, Alleluia!"
Sing a joyful Alleluia:
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord!

Sing of the beauty of the earth
and the glory of His creation!
Sing of the power of His word
and the wonder of His love!

Sunday School Blessing

**Dear God, as our children play, pray, and hear our sacred stories,
let them know that they are loved by you and our whole community.
Let this love lead them to care for others through their words and actions. Amen.**

Following the blessing, all children are invited to walk with Kiera Stegall to the front of the sanctuary and out the West Transept doors (Pulpit Side) and be led to the Assembly Room.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-23 (NT, p. 158 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

The Fierce Urgency of Now (An Earth Day Reflection)

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

+ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Dr. J. Michael Anderson

Leader: The words “something is not right” echo within our souls:

All: the cry of Creation. The voice of God.

**Recognition that “these are not ordinary times”
may be the path toward our resurrection.**

Leader: So we bathe in courage, grasp for community,

**All: leave the shelter of business-as-usual,
and stare into the face of this unknown future.**

Leader: We leave our little boxes and cast off our blinders,

**All: and the bright light of Creation’s pain nearly blinds us
and grief nearly chokes us.**

Leader: But not quite.

**All: Because when there’s enough of us stumbling around,
trying to make a way, sooner or later we’ll begin to connect,
and the power of that connection explodes in hope
and a different way can be made
and life can flourish in new and extraordinary ways.**

Leader: Do you believe? Do you dare?

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:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.
- **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 Anthem

These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

These were redeemed from among men,
being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile:

For they are without fault before the throne of God.

+ 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.

+ **Recessional Hymn 108**

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on the Easter Hymn: *Christ is Arisen*

Haig Mardirosian

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

House of Hope Master Site Plan Listening Sessions

The Session has selected Miller Dunwiddie architectural firm to support HOH's visioning process by creating House of Hope's Master Site Plan. You are invited to share in the process for this work as we fine-tune our vision for the church building and grounds at numerous listening sessions offered. Architect Paul May from Miller Dunwiddie as well as members of the Developing for the Future Collaboration Group will guide the planning process, incorporating the Dreamscape visioning & materials, and community engagement efforts.

To view dates and sign up for listening sessions, as well as a preparatory survey to be completed prior to attending a listening session and additional information, visit the church office or visit: www.hohchurch.org/master-site-plan-listening-sessions

Today's Cover Art is of the entrance to the HOH Community Garden in full bloom in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. Returning and new volunteers are always welcome in our beautiful community garden that supports the food pantries at Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome. Volunteer once or all season. Work will begin in early May and continue through late autumn. Our collective efforts contribute to creating over 1000 lbs. of delicious and nutritious food each year. For questions or to join the email list to see when we're working and what we're doing, contact Elizabeth Karre: houseofhopegarden@gmail.com

Earth and All Stars

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DEXTER 4.5.7 D with refrain

Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

David N. Johnson, 1968

Ab Cm Bbm Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb Fm Db

1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets Sing to the
 2. Steel and ma - chines, Loud pound - ing ham - mers Sing to the
 3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes Sing to the
 4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom Sing to the

Ab Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb Db Ab Eb Cm Fm Ab Bb Eb

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers

Fm Fm Db Cm Bbm Fm Eb Db Eb Ab Eb

Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Eb Ab Db Ab Db Ab Eb Ab Fm Db Ab Fm Bbm Eb Ab

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

clare Christ's great - ness, Spread good news, pro - claim Christ's name.
love a - round us, May it grow and pu - ri - fy.
has been pur - chased By our lov - ing, ris - en Lord.

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Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.



News & Opportunities

April 30 - May 7, 2023

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

In the Assembly Room:

Nursery: Infants–Toddlers | 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: Presch.-Gr.5 | 10:10 a.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Sunday Youth Hour:

April 30 | Kirby Lounge | 10:10 a.m.

TODAY: Youth Parent Meeting (see back for details)

Youth Group: Assembly Room | 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class: Sunday, April 30
Kirby Lounge | 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming

Cloister Gallery Exhibit in May:

Children and youth are invited to submit artwork for the Virtual Art Gallery. Artists can use any medium (i.e. painting, Play-Doh, Legos, clay, drawing, photographs, coloring, digital art, etc.).

Submit a digital image of the artwork alone, along with the student's first name and age or grade to Kiera Stegall by Sunday, April 30.

We do not post photos of our artists or their last names in our virtual gallery.

Next Sunday: The House of Hope Choir School Spring Concert: *Let There Be Music*

Sunday, May 7 | Sanctuary | 2 p.m.

Join us for our spring concert as we close out our 40th Anniversary Season!

April Donation Drive for 21st Century Academy.

Liberty Community Church is home to the 21st Century Academy, an after-school program serving K–12 students. Approximately 80 scholars spend their afternoons doing homework, exercising, playing, participating in enrichments, therapy as needed, and having dinner. Snacks are needed for this program for May.

- **Snacks should be individually wrapped, single-serve items that don't require utensils.**
- **No candy, cookies, or snacks with peanuts.**
- **Requested items:** Goldfish Crackers, Pop-Corners, granola bars, cheese sandwich crackers, dried fruit snacks, pretzels, apple-sauce pouches, chips, and fruit bars.
- **Financial donations** appreciated with memo: **21st Century.**
- **Sunday, April 30:** Donate perishable items including apples, clementine oranges, packaged hard boiled eggs, Go-Gurt, string cheese.
- **Drop off** donations in bins marked 21st Century.

Tweens End of the Year Party | Friday, May 12 HOH Community Garden and Park | 6–8 p.m.

Fourth – fifth graders, their friends, and their adult(s) are invited to join us for our final Tweens event for the 2022-2023 school year. We'll help in the garden, play in the park, and enjoy burgers with ice cream sundaes. Cost for this event is \$10 per person with a \$20 cap for families. Scholarships are available as needed. Dinner and sundaes will be served in the HOH Park. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 5, to Kiera Stegall. Note the number of children and adults attending, as well as any food allergies.

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

Youth Parent Meeting: TODAY at 11:15 a.m. - Noon in Kirby Lounge. Join Pastor Scott and Elsa after the service to be in conversation about the future of the youth program, your hopes for it, and discuss how it can benefit your entire family. More than just an informational meeting, your participation here will be very powerful, we really hope to see you there. Refreshments will be available, and youth will have a concurrent mini event, walking with a leader to get coffee.

Week Beginning April 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30, 2023

- 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Library
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
- 10:10 a.m. Youth Hour, Kirby Lounge
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
- 11:10 a.m. Youth Parent Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Master Plan Listening Session, Kirby
- 6 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group, Assembly Room

Monday, May 1, 2023

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5 p.m. Neill Task Force, Kirby Lounge
- 6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Mission Outreach Meeting, Library
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library
- 9:30 a.m. Daniel Freeman Lecture, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision, Kirby Lounge
- 3 p.m. Interfaith Action Anchor Meeting, Kirby
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal & Awards Ceremony, Library, Assembly Room, and Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. The Commons Group, Library
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Kirby Lounge
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Youth Room

Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Cloister Gallery
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, St. John the Evangelist

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Task Force Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom

Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 9 a.m. Breakfast with Confirmands and Elders, Assembly Room

Confirmation Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 9 a.m. Confirmand Family Gathering, Cloister Gallery
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Library
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
- 11 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour/Cake Reception, Cloister Gallery
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 2 p.m. Choir School Spring Concert, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group, Assembly Room

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

House of Hope Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 7 | Sanctuary

The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation for next Sunday, May 7 following worship for the purposes of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons; members of the 2024 Nominating Committee; and a Pastor Nominating Committee. Below is the slate of names for elections by office:

Deacons:

Elizabeth Decourt
Barbara Donoho
Marnie Fleming
Debby Fulton
Tim Godfrey
Marilyn Knudsen
Jackie O'Keefe
Jeff Parkman
Connie Phillips
Annie Yetter

Elders:

Leslie Erickson
Jane Flad
Judy Gensmer
April Greibrok
Bill Johnston
Charlie Mahar
Jan Parkman
Linda Smith
Leatha Wolter
Terry Bailey (1 year)

Trustees:

Linda Lane
Tom Radio
Patrick Smith
Carol Stack (1 year)
Andrew Karre (2 years)

2024 Congregational Nominating Committee:

Jeanne Bailey
Gretchen Sjöholm
Jenny Stevens
Kevin Walli

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Phil Bolinder
Christa Feldbrugge
Deb James
Kristina MacKenzie
Mark Prpich
Erik Vorhes
Christina Wood

Regarding Youth Elders and Deacons: The Nominating Committee, in conversation with Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Elsa Kendig, has intentionally paused nominating youth Deacons and Elders for this year to explore and create new opportunities to engage our youth's voices and insights more broadly into congregational decision making.



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Clergy

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson,
Senior Associate Pastor/Spiritual Life and Care



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