

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Tin Woodman knew very well he had no heart, and therefore he took great care never to be cruel or unkind to anything. 'You people with hearts,' he said once, 'have something to guide you, and need never do wrong; but I have no heart, and so I must be very careful!'"

- L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 1, 2024 10 a.m.

Welcome!

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

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

House of Hope Mission Statement:

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, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children may engage their faith by remaining in the service, or joining others at the HOH Park following the Children's Blessing.
- **The Nursery will be closed** on Sundays in August as well as September 1. Nursery care will resume on September 8.
- **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.
- **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!

NEXT Sunday, September 8, is Rally Sunday!

Rally Sunday is a time to gather together for the start of a new program year! Please join us for our celebration worship as our Motet Choir and Sacred Bells return and for an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. Inflatables and lawn games for kids of all ages. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome!



The HOH Choir School offers a well-rounded music education to all children ages Pre-K – Grade 12. Since 1982, The Choir School has inspired young singers to learn, grow, and have fun! Our outstanding choir ensembles meet on Wednesdays and Sundays, starting September 11.

Registration is now open! Please register using this link:
<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on LLANGLOFFAN
Aaron David Miller, Organ

A. D. Miller

+ Opening Hymn 289

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

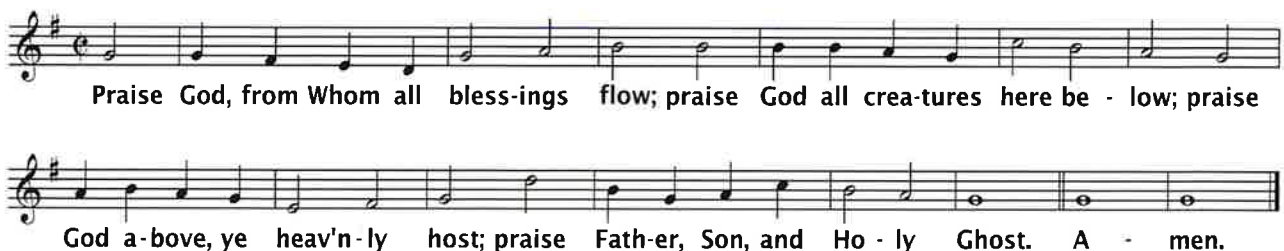
**You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence,
who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly,
and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart.
And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.
So often we stumble on the path of faith.
The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right.
Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace,
challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+ 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

First Lesson

Psalm 15 (OT, p. 495 in pew Bible)

Janice Dickinson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Solo

Celtic Dance

17th Century Scottish

Children's Blessing (unison)

Here in worship, or going out, we promise to nurture your faith, support your gifts and listen to your voices among us. Remember: God is with you always, every day and everywhere.

Following the blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the HOH Park. If rain, children will remain in the service.

Second Lesson

James 1:17-27 (NT, p. 230 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Good Deed Doers

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Rev. M Jade Kaiser, *Enfleshed*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

As a gathered community of disciples, created by the hands of the Holy, born with Divine purpose, and bound together by the Spirit that breaths life into all things, we affirm our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ, who is The Liberator of the Oppressed, The Bread of Heaven, God enfleshed. With faith, we aim to live as Christ taught us, laboring towards liberation, and seeking a world free of domination and control. We believe in God’s promise to uplift the lowly and bring the powerful down from their thrones. We believe the resurrecting power of Christ cannot be overcome by evil, but persists in all collective efforts to make life flourish in the midst of destruction, to birth beauty in places of death, and to tend gently to the aches of this world. We profess the transforming power of love. We profess that justice is a form of love. We profess that we are still growing into the mystery of love. In the company of the saints who go before us, we journey together by grace, seeking always to unlearn all that obstructs authentic relationship, listening for the guidance of Sacred Wisdom, and praying earnestly for the day the ‘Kingdom’ of God is born anew. Until it is so, we live in hope, for God is with us.

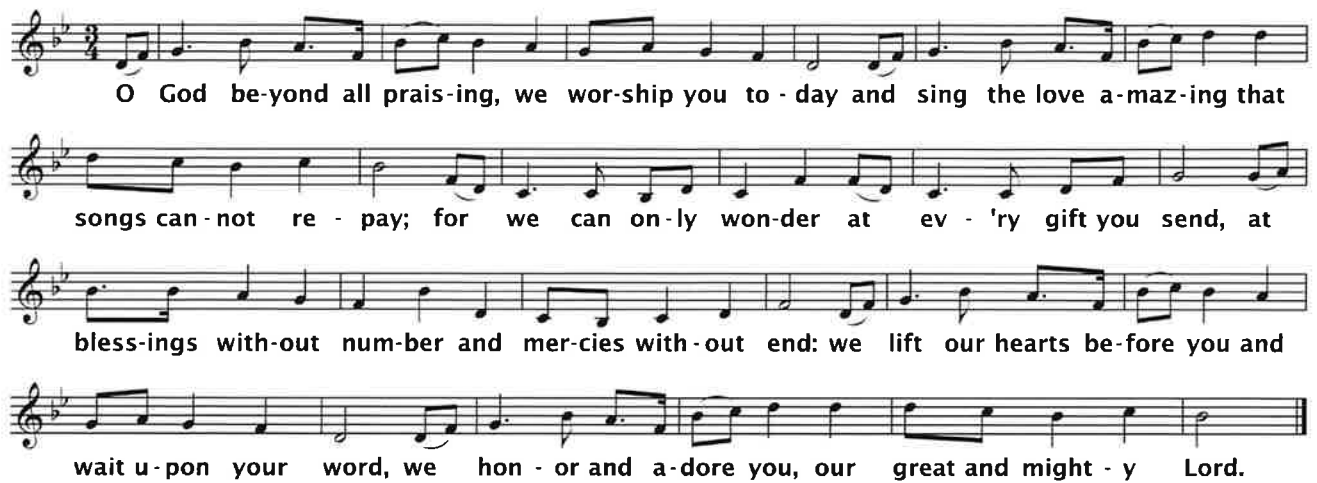
Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click “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

Improvisation on PROSPECT

+ 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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

+ Benediction

Postlude

Rondo

John Bull

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Care Pastors in Residence

Retired Presbyterian pastors Dix Brachlow and Mike Anderson have each been involved in our congregational life in varied ways over the past years. Both have now agreed to serve as volunteer Care Pastors in Residence. They are each gifting the congregation with a specified number of hours a month to make phone calls and visits. We are grateful for their generous and loving presence among us. Their emails are included on the back of the bulletin, or you may call the church office.

O God of Every Nation

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LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923



1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O - God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

MOTET CHOIR SEASON LAUNCHES SOON - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Motet Choir is an important part of the church's ministries and, as always, is welcoming new members interested in this valuable part of church life. The choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., and sings on Sunday mornings (rehearsal at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m.) and as part of the holidays seasons of the church. Rehearsals for the fall term begin on Wednesday, September 4. If you are interested, contact Choirmaster Matthew Culloton (e-mail: MatthewC@hohchurch.org) to set up a preliminary hearing prior to that night.

Handbells at HOH!

The Handbell program at the House of Hope is the second oldest musical group and celebrates its 45th anniversary beginning this Fall. Join a group and experience the art of handbell ringing! The Bells of Hope rehearse each week for 90 minutes and ring musical offerings once each month. Music reading skills are required, but bell technique is taught at rehearsals. The Sounds of Hope meets weekly for 20 minutes each Wednesday and offers music for worship every other month. This is a great way to refresh music reading skills - bell ringing technique is taught in rehearsals. Sacred Bells is an ensemble that ring patterns - no music reading skills are required! The group rings about 5 times a year, meets early on a Sunday morning to learn the patterns, then accompanies a hymn or prayers in the service. Contact Tim Short, music associate for more information: TimS@hohchurch.org

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes September 11 Room 1 | 9:30 a.m.

We are a group of people ready to open and hear anew the Sunday Scripture passages, commenting and asking questions together. It requires only a Bible — and beginners are welcome! God has given you unique spiritual gifts. You have resources that you perhaps only can share, you have individual experiences that God can use to strengthen others, and you have passions that excite and motivate you. As we study the biblical passages together, we learn of one another's spiritual gifts, resources, experiences, and passions. Please join us! Contact Dix Brachlow for more information: DWBrachlow@gmail.com

HOH Office Closures: The House of Hope Offices and Building will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day. The Offices and Building will also be closed Thursday/Friday, September 19-20 for moving offices back to the west side of the building.



News & Opportunities

September 1 - 8, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

No Nursery available in August and Sept. 1.

We need Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers.

Building intergenerational relationships with volunteer teachers is crucial for children's faith formation. Volunteers embody the lessons we teach children, and help them see others put our faith into action. Plus, Jimmy makes the lessons fun and easy for volunteers!

We are offering a **Volunteer Teacher Training** on Saturday, September 14. We will begin with light breakfast and introductions at 9:30 a.m. We will have training time, tips, and chances to try things out from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will end at Noon with lunch.

Contact Jimmy for more information and to join the rotation!

Upcoming dates:

September 8: Rally Sunday, Worship + Celebration

September 13: Tween Night at Can Can Wonderland, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

September 14: Teacher Training, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Calling All Confirmands

Youth grade 9 (or above, if you are in 10th, 11th or 12th, but still looking to for a chance to do confirmation) are invited to join this year's confirmation class. If you are interested in having your youth be a part of this year's class, contact Elsa Kendig by September 18.

Volunteer to be a Greeter!

Now that construction projects are being completed, it's time to reorganize the Sunday greeter program!

Please consider volunteering for one Sunday per month at one of the many posts around the church. To sign up or for more info, contact Shana Wagner at (612) 396-0807 or sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com

Great Decisions: *Climate Technology & Competition with Todd Lefko*

Tuesday, September 10 | Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.

In recent years, we have been forced to recognize the increasingly wider impacts of climate changes – including on immigration, settlement, urbanization, health, and international relations. This session will address these impacts and the possibilities of new technologies for our protection.

Save the Dates for these future events:

Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6: Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, the PC(USA)'s Director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harms will lead a panel discussion on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at HOH, concluding with a light lunch, and preach on Sunday. Registration required and coming soon!

October 5, 2-6 p.m.: Experience the **Sacred Sites Tour** and learn about Dakota history with Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Co-Director of Racial Justice with the Minnesota Council of Churches. Email Phillip Romine to register: PhillipR@hohchurch.org

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

Save the Date and Register:

NAMI WALK with our Presbytery's Disability Concerns Ministry - September 28

Join us Saturday, September 28, as Team "Presbyterians4NAMI" will help bring Minnesota's NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) closer to our goal of "Mental Health for All." Friends and family will walk with our presbytery's Disability Concerns Ministry. Register, then meet us at a round table near SeaSalt Eatery at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Look for royal blue t-shirts. We have an impact to make, and the larger our team, the bigger our effect as we raise money and supercharge awareness to power NAMI and its free, life-changing programs.

Register or contribute support at this link: <https://bit.ly/NAMIWalk2024>

There will also be a table outside Kirk Parlour on Sundays in September to signup.

Questions? Contact Dix Brachlow: 651-508-1425 or DWBrachlow@gmail.com

Week Beginning September 1, 2024

Sunday, September 1, 2024

No Nursery available

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

Monday, September 2, 2024

The Office and Building is closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom

1:30 p.m. Didier Seminar Meeting, Room 1

4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom

6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom

6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom

7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5

7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, September 4, 2024

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe, Zoom

9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining Rooms A&B

5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Room 1

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

11 a.m. Memorial Service and Reception for Bob Wardin, Chapel/Kirk Parlour

1:15 - 5 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Summit Lot

Rally Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8

9:15 a.m. Sacred Bells, Room 5

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:10 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff, Great Hall

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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Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson, Senior Associate Pastor
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