



MACALESTER SUNDAY
February 2 | 10 a.m.

Celebrating House of Hope's connection to Macalester College.

Joined by: Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble, and the Macalester College Concert Choir led by Michael McGaghie. Come enjoy shortbread provided by the college.

Music Sunday: Mozart!
Sunday, February 23



Mozart's *Te Deum* was composed in 1769, most noteworthy because that puts the genius at just 13 years old! His setting of *Te Deum* shows that even at a young age (or sadly just shy of middle age), Mozart grasped the intricacies of musical structure - most evident in his use of

a symphonic form in this otherwise shorter work. *Te Deum* opens with an Allegro section firmly in C major before moving to the Adagio second passage - a plea for mercy. A triple meter third section recognizes God's answer of mercy upon us before the work's final section - a grand double fugue. The two principal themes are presented in an immediate overlap - the tenor section sharing what lofty musicologists and brainy theorists have long called the "A theme" while the sopranos wait a whole measure and a half before sharing the "B theme" (if all goes well, it proves a remarkable show of restraint by any soprano section!). The Motet Choir will also share the Kyrie and Agnus Dei Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F* - making the work even "brevis...er". This mass setting has the distinction of being called the "Little Credo Mass" because of the repeated utterances of "Credo" in the third movement, which also shares musical material that developed into themes in his later Jupiter Symphony. But all these fun facts are about a movement that the choir and I aren't sharing just yet, so we'll offer these lovely two bookend movements for your worshipful enjoyment!

- Matthew Culloton

The Singers and SUNDAY SERIES Present Gwyneth Walker



Community Sing:

Thursday, February 6 | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

Featuring The Singers and the House of Hope Motet Choir as musical leads, the community is welcome to come meet American composer Gwyneth Walker, and join voices together, learning and sharing a handful of Dr. Walker's most popular choral works. Musical scores will be provided free of charge. Widely performed throughout the country, the music of American composer Gwyneth Walker is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. This event is free and open to the public.

The Singers Concert: Celebrating Gwyneth Walker

Saturday, February 8 | Sanctuary | 7:30 p.m.

Gwyneth Walker so often captures the zeitgeist of the moment through her musical works and selection of texts. A proud New Englander, Dr. Walker has over 400 commissions to her credit and has been honored with two Lifetime Achievement Awards and an Alumni Award from the Hartt School of Music. Generations of choristers have found inspiration and humanity lodged between the pages of her sheet music - we're thrilled to host her for this special event.

Gwyneth Walker



Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she was the recipient of the 2000 "Lifetime Achievement Award"

from the Vermont Arts Council and the 2018 "Alfred Nash Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award" from Choral Arts New England. A composer since age two, Gwyneth Walker has always placed great value on writing in a broad array of genres. More than 400 commissioned works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, solo instruments, chorus, and solo voice have been created—all arising from the impetus of performers and collaboration with musicians.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Macalester Sunday with the
Macalester Concert Choir

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Motet Choir:

I Will Praise Thee O Lord, Nystedt
Praise Ye the Lord, Distler

Sunday, February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Motet Choir:

The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God,
Haydn

How Lovely are the Messengers,
Mendelssohn

Choir School:

Bist du bei mir, JS Bach
St Nicholas Choir

Sunday, February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

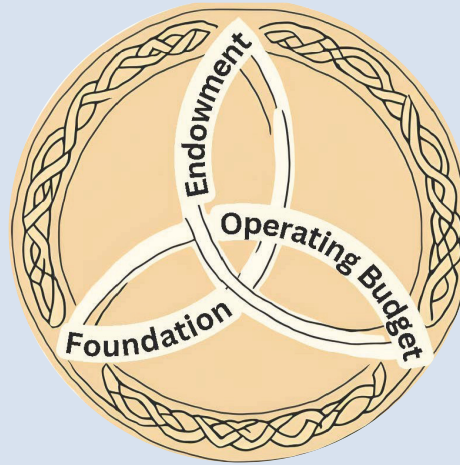
Music Sunday: Mozart!
with the Motet Choir and
House of Hope Chamber Orchestra

Te Deum, K. 141
Laudate Dominum
from *Solemn Vespers*
Kyrie and Agnus Dei,
from *Missa Brevis* in F



A Note from Scott

Making the Math of Ministry Work



I recently met with a group of clergy friends for coffee and the conversation turned to church finances and stewardship campaigns, and one of my colleagues said: *It seems like it's getting harder to make the math work.* We all shook our heads yes in agreement.

Why is it harder to get the math to work? Because most churches continue to use fundraising tools that were developed in the 20th century for the cultural realities and needs of that time but aren't working as well in the 21st century.

For example, during the post war boom, thousands of new church developments were started in growing suburban areas all over the country. Land was cheap and denominations provided generous amounts of "seed" money, including low interest construction loans, to get these new congregations established. Some grew quickly and "annual pledges" from church members were adequate to cover staff salaries, mission giving, and building maintenance. As the years passed, some wealthier congregations established endowments which also produced income and occasional capital campaigns kept buildings

current or provided additional space for growing congregations.

Most of this ground to a halt by the middle of the 1990's as membership growth slowed and began to decline nationally. Pledge income began to stagnate or drop off and many churches (if they were lucky enough to have an endowment) became increasingly dependent on them. These changes have hit small and medium-sized churches particularly hard. Larger churches have weathered these changes better, because they have more resources, but have been negatively impacted, as well.

So, what to do? Pledge income (as well as non-pledge income) and endowment interest income are still important and will continue to be well into the future. Being frugal and cutting costs (which usually means cutting staff and programming), of course, is always an option, but it's a slippery slope that usually (very quickly) leads to further decline and diminished overall giving.

Is there a better way? Over the past two and a half years I, along with Senior Associate Pastor Julia Carlson, and several others, have been working with many in the congregation to develop a strategy for adding new income streams to support the work of the church. Specifically, creating a new House of Hope Foundation, a 501(c)(3), so that the church can apply for grants from a variety of charitable institutions to support the preservation of HOH's historic buildings, the park, and the organ, and to provide additional funding for music and arts programming that is nonsectarian in nature.

Establishing a Foundation involves the filing of applications with

both the State of Minnesota and the Federal government which is in process. Brian Alton, our Legal Counsel, is assisting our church officers with this, as well as with the makeup of an eventual Board of Directors and Bylaws. It also includes creating a mission statement for the Foundation which has recently been approved by both the Session and Trustees:

The House of Hope Foundation is a non-sectarian 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the maintenance and care of the property of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, including its 1914 Gothic structure, Fisk organ (Opus 78), Noyes Memorial Carillon, and House of Hope Park. The Foundation also provides funding for initiatives that serve the community including speaker forums, concert series, artist installations, and justice-centered projects. In partnership with the church's congregation, the foundation solicits gifts from individuals and seeks grants from sources not otherwise available to the church.

Approved by Trustees: 9.13.2024

Approved by Session: 9.17.2024

The Session and Trustees have also recently approved a one-time draw from the endowment for 2025 to provide initial seed money (about \$150,000) to get the new Foundation up and running and to hire a new staff person who will assist in getting the Foundation established and operational:

A motion to allocate the amount of 0.5% from the House of Hope Unrestricted Endowment Funds to support the establishment of the new House of Hope Foundation 501(c)3 conditioned upon the final approval of the foundational, organization, and operating documents of the new House of Hope Foundation 501(c)3 by the House of Hope Board of Trustees and the House of Hope Session.

Approved by Trustees: 1.10.2025

Approved by Session: 1.11.2025

The plan is to have the necessary legal and organizational work for the new Foundation completed in the

next few months so that grant writing can begin. The Legacy Building Fund may eventually be moved into the Foundation, as well.

Finally, the church has made good progress in recent months in finding new rental partners post construction that are generating new income for the church and whose missions align with and enhance the mission and outreach goals of HOH: the Waldorf inspired Meadowlark Microschool, and the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (GTCYS). Both of these organizations bring many new people onto our campus throughout the week, which is part of our goal to become a 7-day-a-week Community Hub. These new relationships have already begun to result in interest in our Choir School as well as new visitors in worship. Additional rental partners may be added in 2025 if the right partner or partners can be found.

I am confident that these new initiatives, if followed and developed in the coming years, will greatly enhance the ministry of HOH. These are "best practices" that many of HOH's peer churches around the country have been using to good effect for some time. I commend the elected leaders of this church for moving the congregation in these new directions.

Blessings,

Scott Kenefake

Transitional Pastor



**House of Hope
Sources of Revenue**

Capital Campaign Update



Amount Pledged:

\$4,277,730

Pledges received: \$2,018,961

Non-Pledge gifts: \$142,048

Total Gifts received: \$2,161,009

Pledge balance: \$2,258,769

We invite you to make a pledge or gift to our HVAC/electrical panel project. All gifts, regardless of size, are important. Our goal is to repay the bridge loan, restore funds to our endowment, and minimize the debt from the project. Contact Michelle Freyholtz with questions about gifts.

It's Time to Pay Per Capita



Per capita is a funding mechanism to support the work of the PC(USA) at the local, regional

and national levels. HOH annually pays per capita for each of its members (not each household). **2025 per capita is \$40 per member**, and we ask every member to contribute now. Please note **Per Capita** when paying by check or online at: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>
Fund: Per Capita Gifts

Stewardship 2025

CONNECT

Thank you to all who have pledged toward our \$1.15 million pledge goal!



It's not too late to pledge!

Pledge cards are available at our entrances, or you can pledge online at: <https://bit.ly/HOH2025Pledge>

Ways to Give to House of Hope:

- Make a one-time gift or become a sustainer with recurring gifts: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>
- Text **HOH** to 73256

From Mercedes Sheldon, Deputy Clerk of Session



Last month, I shared with you a verse from Romans wherein Paul invites us to consider the gifts that God's grace has given each of us:

the gift of prophesying, encouraging, contributing to the needs of others, and leading. Paul reminds us that these gifts come with God's expectation that we act on them: to serve, to teach, to lead, to encourage, to speak. Yet, we already have so many responsibilities! Serving on a church board requires time and energy, and we're all already pulled in so many directions. As some of you know, I am pursuing my PhD, parenting, teaching as an adjunct at St. Thomas, and supporting aging loved ones. When last year's Nominating Committee asked me to join the Session, my first response was "no," which is the answer that I've given a few times over the past decade. Why did I say "yes" this time? Because God's grace has given me the gifts of encouragement, of contributing to the needs of others, and—so I'm told—of leadership. And HOH needs these gifts. Not just because we are in transition, but because "church" only happens when we show up and DO "church." And, frankly, I hadn't been showing up. Or doing. And I felt the lack of connection, community, church. So, with a bit of trepidation and after a conversation with my partner, I said "yes."

In the coming weeks, I invite those of you who have already said yes to share why you added one more thing to your reality. And, as my note in the January Anchor said, I invite you to discern your own gifts and those of your fellow congregants. How might you enact your faith? Whom might you encourage to be "church" through serving as an elder, deacon, or trustee? For those of you who are not currently serving in one of these three ways, might this be the time? What questions or concerns do you have about serving? Stop me in church or contact me; I'll be delighted to talk with you about what might you gain from saying "yes!" With gratitude, Mercedes

Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Children and Family Ministry

Contact Jimmy Hoke:

JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Sundays at House of Hope:

Nursery: Room 8 | 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PreK - 2nd Graders: Room 4

3rd-5th Graders: Room 7

Tweens Event: February 22

Sledding and Hot Cocoa | 2-4 p.m.

See information below.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

HOH Unplugged!

Sunday, February 2

Great Hall | 12 - 1 p.m.

The Big Show! There will be a light lunch served and then a delightful and funny skit show - conceived of, written, and performed by the youth. All are welcome!

Youth Group

Sundays, February 9 and 16

Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.

Snacks, chat, games and more.

Sledding and Hot Cocoa for

Tweens and Youth

Saturday, February 22 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Deming Heights Park, Minneapolis (Pastor Phil's House)

Bring your own sled and enjoy the giant hill just outside Pastor Phil's house. And when you need a break, come in and enjoy some hot cocoa!



Alleluia Choir starts February 2.

New choristers welcome!

Register online at:

www.hohchurch.org/choir-school

CLOISTER GALLERY



Biblical Stencil Prints of Sadao Watanabe

Collection of
Bonnie and Peter Kramer

Sadao Watanabe (1913 – 1996) became a Christian after a miraculous recovery from tuberculosis. He then dedicated his life to artistically expressing Christianity within a Japanese context and is considered one of the most talented Bible storytellers of the 20th century. Many of his works are featured at MoMA, the Art Institute of Chicago, Honolulu Academy of Arts, and the Vatican Museum of Modern Religious Art. The Cloister Gallery is honored to exhibit this amazing collection of Watanabe prints belonging to Bonnie and Peter Kramer of our congregation.

Although his prints feature Christian subjects, his figural style is similar to popular Buddhist prints of earlier periods. Watanabe was inspired by the mingei (folk art) movement of the 1920s and 1930s, using only organic materials in preparing colors and handmade mulberry paper for printing his images. His technique of often using crumpled wet paper suspended in soymilk gives many of his works an almost three-dimensional quality.

— Adapted from *Sacred Art Pilgrim* and *Collecting Japanese Prints* websites

FEBRUARY

Danielle Nolan-Eickholt:

Let's Talk about Death

Sunday, February 2

Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Death is a very important part of life and better understanding will lead to a more fully-lived life. Join us in a presentation given by Death and Mourning Doula, Danielle Nolan-Eickholt, as she talks about death, dying, and preparedness. Following the presentation will be time for questions and discussion. All are welcome.

HOH Unplugged

Sunday, February 2

Great Hall | Noon-1 p.m.

The Big Show! There will be a light lunch served and then a delightful and funny skit show - conceived of, written, and performed by the youth.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 9

During February, HOH will participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a financial

collection to support food pantries. Watch for our Youth as you leave the sanctuary

holding stock pots for your donations. Please consider donating to help those experiencing food insecurity as we head into the March Food Drive. Ways to give:

- Check or cash noted for *Food Pantry*
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>
- Fund: Food Pantry
- Text **HOH Food** to 73256



Welcoming Class

Sunday February 9

Library | 11:15 a.m.

Whether you're new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This takes the place of our previous New Members Class, and provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope. We'll get to

know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life.

House of Hope Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 16 | Sanctuary

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 16 following worship for the purpose of calling a Senior Pastor, Head of Staff and approving the Clergy Terms of Call. You will receive additional information by mail prior to the meeting.

House of Hope Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 23 | Sanctuary

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship for the purpose of approving installed Clergy Terms of Call and presenting the Session approved 2025 Budget.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, February 25

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation. Annie McMillan will be our speaker. Annie grew up at HOH and now sings in the Motet Choir. Her memoir, *We Chose Each Other*, is a mother's story of survival, laughter, and love on the North Shore. Register by Thursday, February 20 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Mardi Gras Celebration and Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 2

Join us in the Great Hall for a Mardi Gras Celebration after worship. This congregational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize!

Chili Cook-Off Sign-up:

<https://bit.ly/HOHChili2025>

Bring your favorite chili in a slow-cooker. Contact Jimmy Hoke with questions: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

UPCOMING

2025 Women's Retreat

Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27, 2025

**Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse
Collegetown, Minnesota**

Watch for registration details.

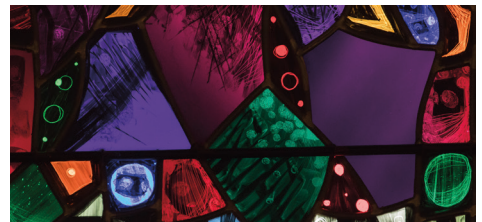
2025 Men's Retreat

**Friday - Saturday, March 21-22
House of Hope**

We will gather on Friday from 6-9 p.m. with dinner included. Saturday will be 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with light breakfast and lunch included. Cost will be \$50 for both days' participation, or \$20 for Friday and \$30 for Saturday.

Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/HOHMensRetreat2025>



Earth Care

A Winter Walk

Winter's gray days and bone-chilling temperatures can make it tempting to stay indoors rather than venturing out for a walk. But, as the days grow incrementally longer and temperatures a bit milder, February beckons you outdoors to enjoy the quiet of the season and glimpse its spare beauty.

Deciduous trees stand bare-boned like living sculptures; the color, texture, and variety of their bark now more evident. Evergreens sway in myriad shades of green, silver, gold, and blue. Red berries, gold branches, even orange tassels on shrubs can catch your attention and delight you. After a storm, hedges, fences, and yard ornaments are outlined in snow. So, bundle up and let the surprises of winter's landscape warm your spirit.

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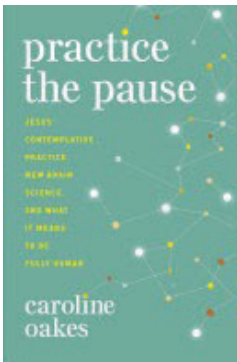


THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2025 with Caroline Oakes | May 3 - 4, 2025



Author of *Practice the Pause: Jesus' Contemplative Practice, New Brain Science, and What It Means to Be Fully Human*, Caroline Oakes presents the benefits of contemplative practices on emotional, psychological, and physical health, highlighting the spark of the divine dwelling within us.

Caroline Oakes is a writer, spiritual director, and publicist who is fascinated with the shifts in mind and spirit that slowing down and noticing can bring. She studies and follows luminaries of the perennial wisdom that underlies all religions and spiritual traditions including Thomas Merton, Mary Oliver, Richard Rohr, Father Thomas Keating, and the Desert Mothers and Fathers.



What Practice the Pause Is About —
These days, many of us live in a state of chronic stress and fight-or-flight. The demands of our technological age and recent world events are pulling us in all directions, often impacting important relationships in our lives. But there is good news. New developments in brain science have recently proven that an intentional practice of pausing for a few minutes of meditation, prayer, or other contemplative practice actually rewires our brain in ways that make us calmer, less reactive, and better able to see the bigger picture — in our own relationships and in the world events of our lives. Oakes offers easy-to-understand explanations of how this new brain science is confirming what every spiritual tradition has been telling us for millennia: by practicing the pause, we become more self-aware and better able to understand others.

— From www.carolineoakes.com

