

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Call it archaic, but I think confession is liberation. It is easy to think that in injustice only the oppressed have their freedom to gain. In truth, the liberation of the oppressor is also at stake."

– Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*

Third Sunday in Lent | March 23, 2025 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, today served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Children's Blessing, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **Worship:** Children may also engage their faith by remaining in the service.
- **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!

Upcoming Enrichments:

TODAY: Vivaldi and His Female Music Students in Venice with Dr. Daniel Freeman
Sunday, March 23 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Antonio Vivaldi's association with a unique center of music training for girls and young women in Venice is a source of continuing fascination both to music lovers and music scholars.

NEXT WEEK: A Local Perspective on Antisemitism and Why it Matters with Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker Sunday, March 30 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

As a co-founder of Minnesota Multifaith Network, he cares about developing relationships with neighbors and learning in interfaith settings.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Three Pieces from the Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S Bach

Introit

Give Ear, O My People
The Motet Choir; Sam Eckberg, Guest Conductor

Matthew Culloton

+Processional Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Nourishing God, you feed us with food that is free for all,
But we find ways to make it less free.**

**Nurturing God, you love us without condition,
But we find ways to make our kindness conditional.**

**Chastening God, you remind us of your glory in the smallest flower,
But we find ways to miss your presence even in your sanctuary.**


Together with all we've done and left undone, be with us now, Holy One, in the silence...
(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 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

March Food Drive

Jan Parkman

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Ann Geery

Luke 13:1-9 (NT, p. 76 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

William Harris

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord:
and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand:
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways:
And holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him:
He also will hear the cry and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love.

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 Children's Blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9 (OT, pp. 685-686 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

From Our Fears

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *The Westminster Confession of Faith* Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

**Good works, done in obedience to God,
are the fruits of a true and lively faith:
by them believers manifest their thankfulness,
strengthen their assurance, edify creation, preach the gospel,
stop the mouths of oppressors, and glorify God.**

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 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 Anthem

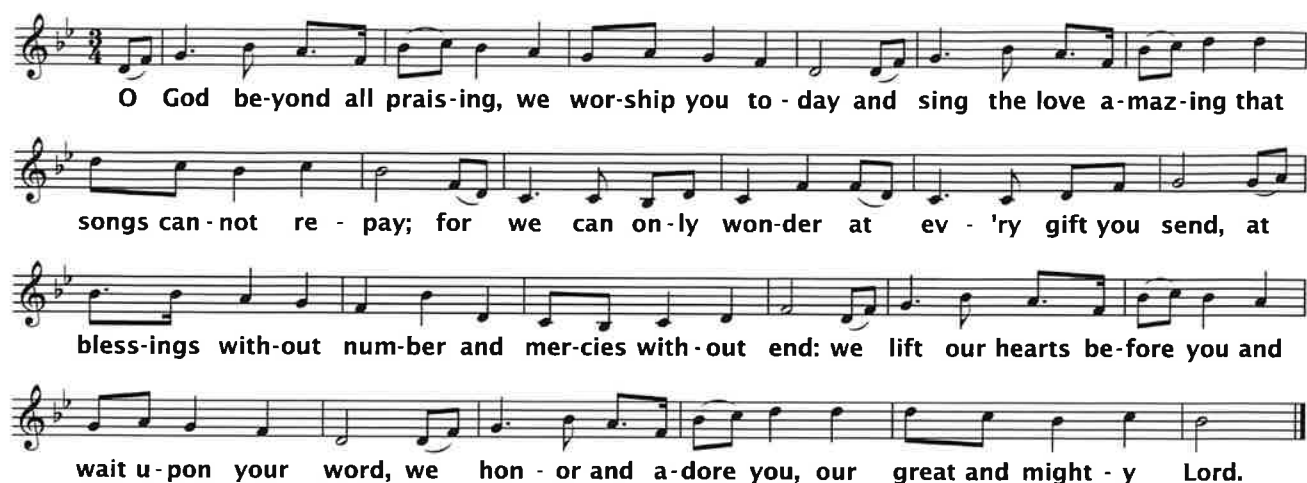
Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere the love of the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.*

+ 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 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

+ Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543

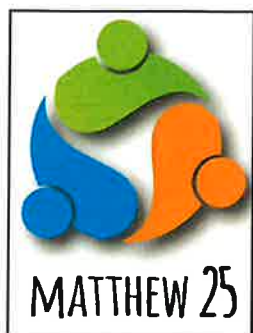
J. S. Bach

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.

Cover Art: *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.



Wednesday Lenten Series: *Living into Matthew 25*
Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9 | Dinner: 5:15 - 6 p.m.
Presentation and Conversation: 6 - 7 p.m.

Join us in the Assembly Room for a soup and pizza supper followed by a program about Matthew 25.

Register for meals at <https://bit.ly/WednesdayLent> to ensure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can access this link on the website under **Things to Know**. All are welcome to join us for the meal.

Donations appreciated to cover the meal cost

For more than a year, House of Hope has been designated as a Matthew 25 congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Matthew 25 congregations commit to eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. And bold visions require concrete actions! Come learn from leaders inside and outside our congregation more about this movement, and lend your voice to the direction House of Hope begins to take as we live out our unique calling to be a place of God's peace by working for God's justice.

Schedule:

March 26: Dismantling structural racism, Elder Elona Street-Stewart

April 2: Putting the pieces together, Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

April 9: Moving forward together

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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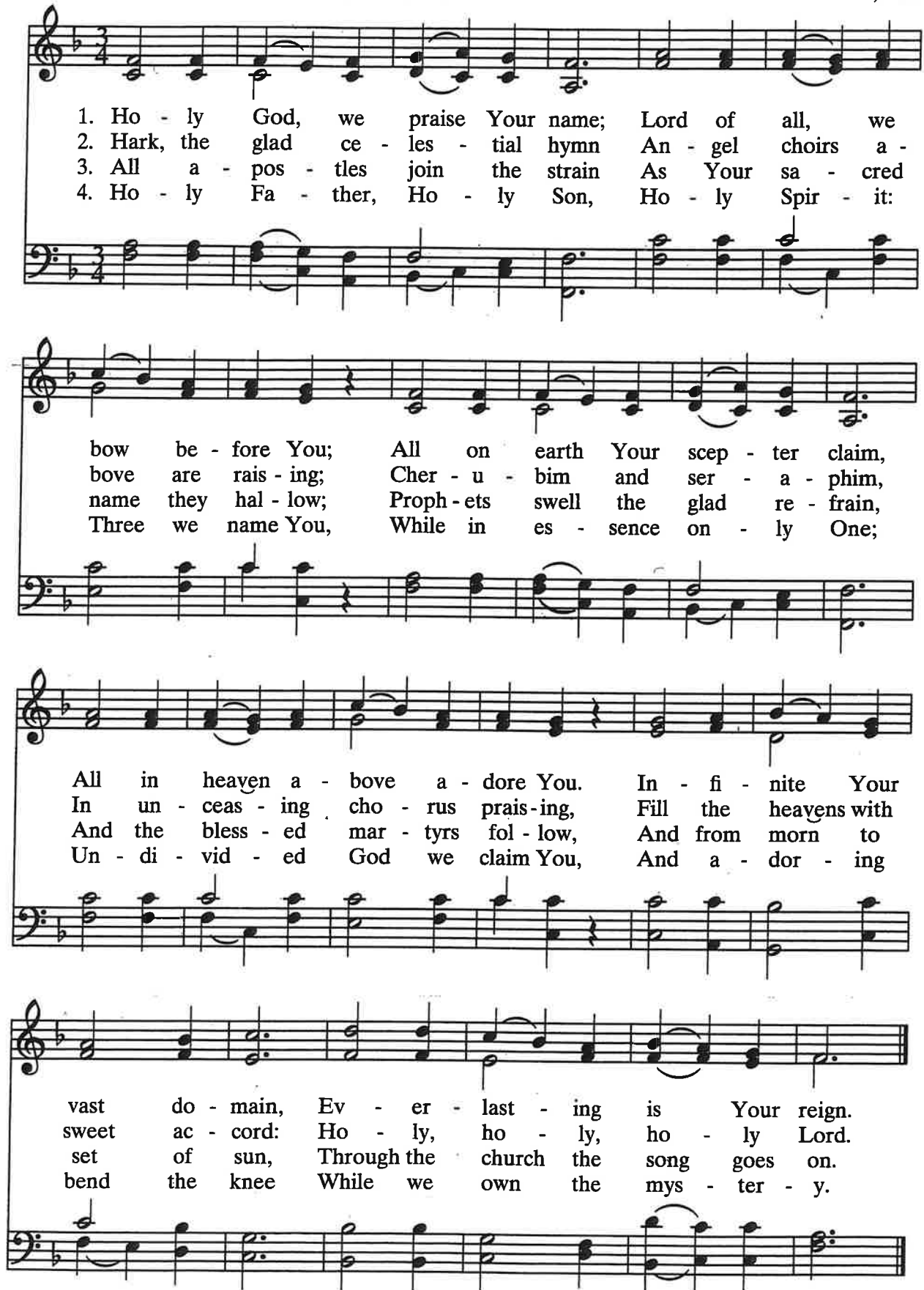
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Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.

Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;

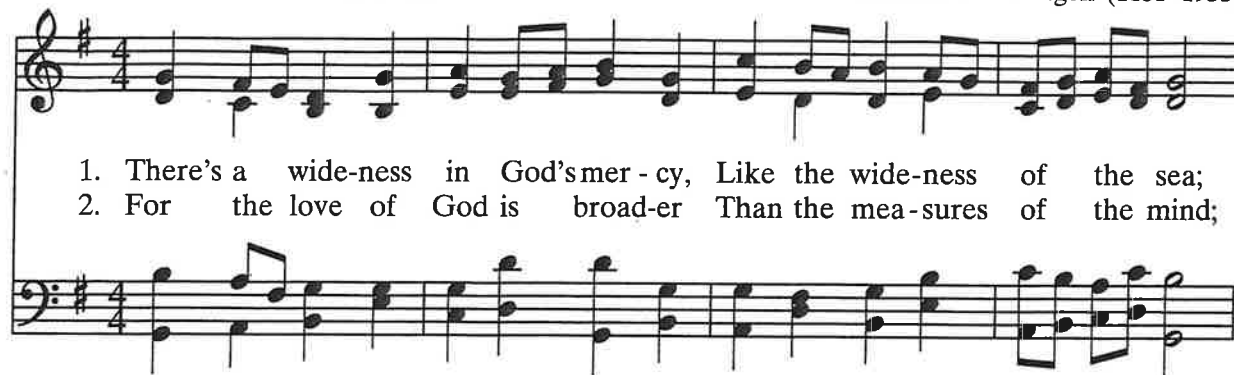
All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with
 And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

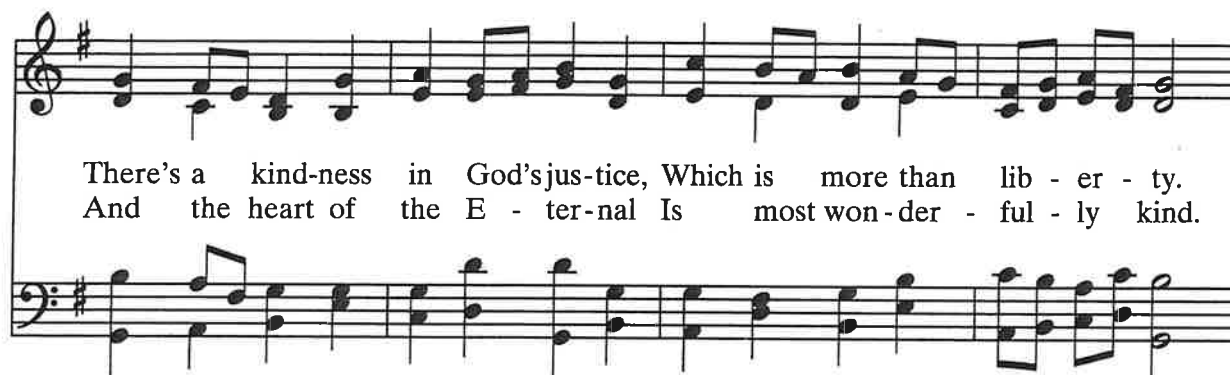
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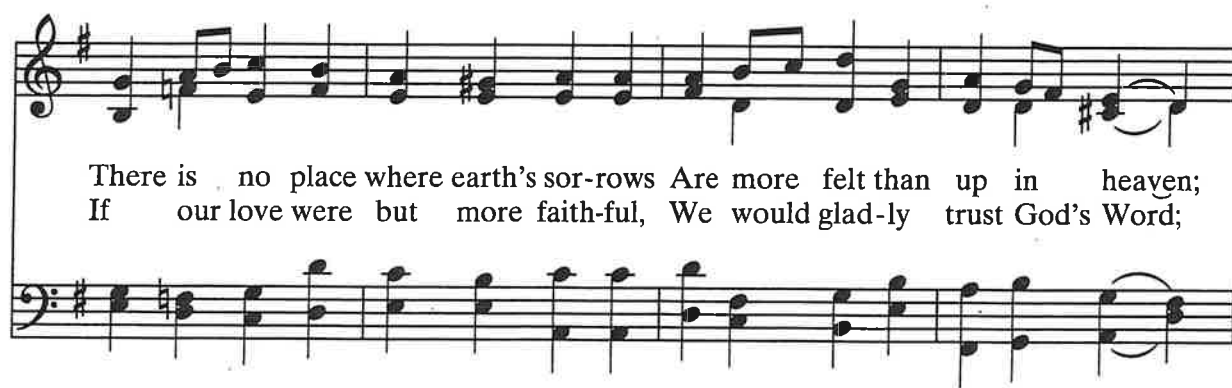
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)


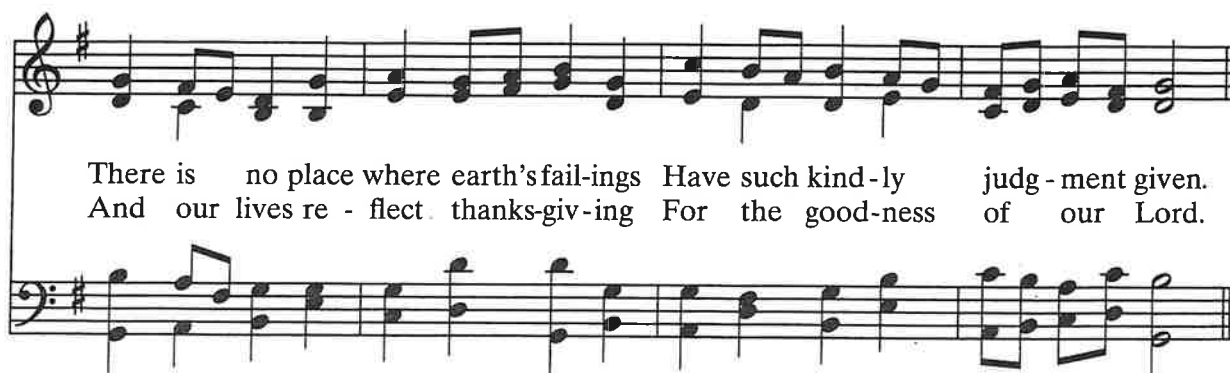
1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Robert L. Edwards, 1961

The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,



Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in



to You, Of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank-ful
la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra-cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv-ing You by lov - ing all.

March 23 – 30, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 2 & 4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Next Youth Group: April 6, 6-8 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, March 25 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and conversation. Mercedes Sheldon will be our speaker. Mercedes currently serves as Deputy Clerk of Session and a PhD candidate in English literature.

Great Decisions

The Middle East: American Foreign Policy with Henry Berman. Tuesday, April 8, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. The Hamas-Israel War continues with immense distrust on both sides, and many outside actors trying to mediate an acceptable conclusion—especially the United States. We will examine the latest up-to-date events and implications for the entire region. Henry Berman is a retired businessman, working for 34 years at Ecolab. Henry has personal ties to the Middle East Region and has recently returned from 2 weeks in Israel. He looks forward to sharing impressions, close to the frontlines.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing disaster assistance, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. You may give at any time.

Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, or mail your gift with memo: OGHS
- Online: bit.ly/HOHGiving > Fund: OGHS
- Text: HOH OGHS to 73256

Concert: *Voices for a Cathedral*

April 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Cathedral of St. Paul

Let the engaging sounds of music by Scottish composer and conductor Sir James MacMillan captivate you. MacMillan's music draws from his Scottish heritage, strong Catholic faith, and social conscience, and is influenced by Celtic folk music as well as Far Eastern, Scandinavian, and Eastern European music. Hear 7 Twin Cities church choirs (including our own Motet Choir) join forces to perform MacMillan's pieces, including a world premiere commission performed in the majestic Cathedral of Saint Paul. **Free, no ticket required.**



March Food Drive

1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 8 hungry children, or 1 in 9 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most.

Bring food donations to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.

Ways to Give: By check with memo: Food Pantry; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry

Week Beginning March 23, 2025

Sunday, March 23, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Enrichment, Assembly Room

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Weekday Connections

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Lenten Program, Assembly Room
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 27, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour/Chapel/Bridal Room

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- 1 p.m. Barbara Molstad Memorial, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 30, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Enrichment, 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.



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