

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“God calls us all, both older brother and younger brother types,  
to turn from isolation and into relationships with each other.”

– Ellen Williams Hensle

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 30, 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: 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.

**NEXT WEEK: A New Foundation: Innovation and Growth for House of Hope with Executive Director Madeline Cieslak.** Sunday, April 6 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Madeline Cieslak will discuss the innovative model for the HOH Foundation, offering a vision for growth of both community and funding support. The Foundation will support the care of House of Hope's people, historic architecture, instruments, programs, and community park, enhancing the Church's mission to build a loving community for all.

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

Canzona  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Thomas Tallis

### Introit

*Be Still, My Soul*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Jean Sibelius

### +Processional Hymn 379

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**On this very day, Waiting God,  
we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you.  
You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder,  
yet we would hide in places where temptation waits.  
You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse,  
because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.'  
We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make  
but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.  
Celebrating God, before we come to our senses,  
we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms,  
tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession,  
a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life.  
In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace,  
no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder,  
a place we can finally call home.**

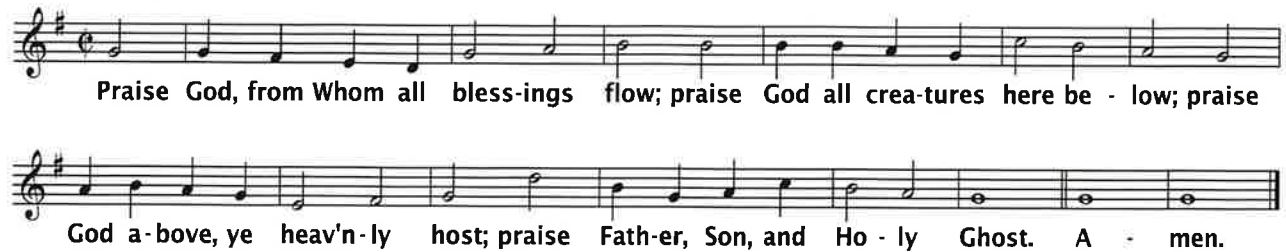
*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)*

### 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

Nancy Stendahl

Psalm 32 (OT, pp. 506-507 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem

*A New Song*

James MacMillan

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.  
For he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the people with his truth.

#### 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

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 (NT, pp. 78-79 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

*Grace, Reconciliation, and Hope*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 384

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

### + Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### 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

*Hallelujah, Amen* (from *Judas Maccabaeus*)

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah, amen!  
O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,  
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join!

### + 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 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

### + Benediction

### Postlude

Voluntary

Josef Rheinberger

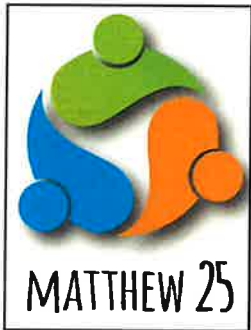
### Carillon Postlude

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.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Dennis Reppen.



**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:**

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

**April 9:** Moving forward together



## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor  
 whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is  
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

*Refrain*

lean on Je - sus' name.  
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
 all my hope and stay.  
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562



## O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 384

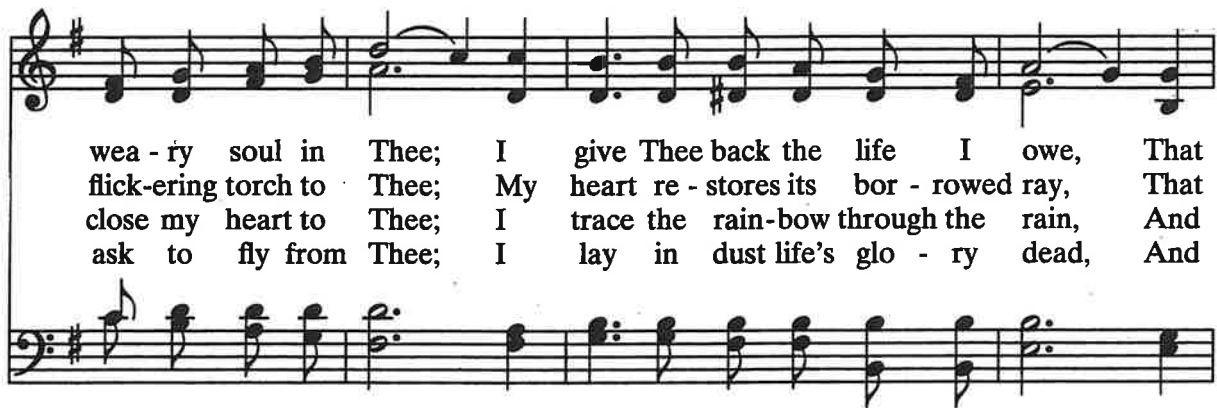
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George Matheson, 1882

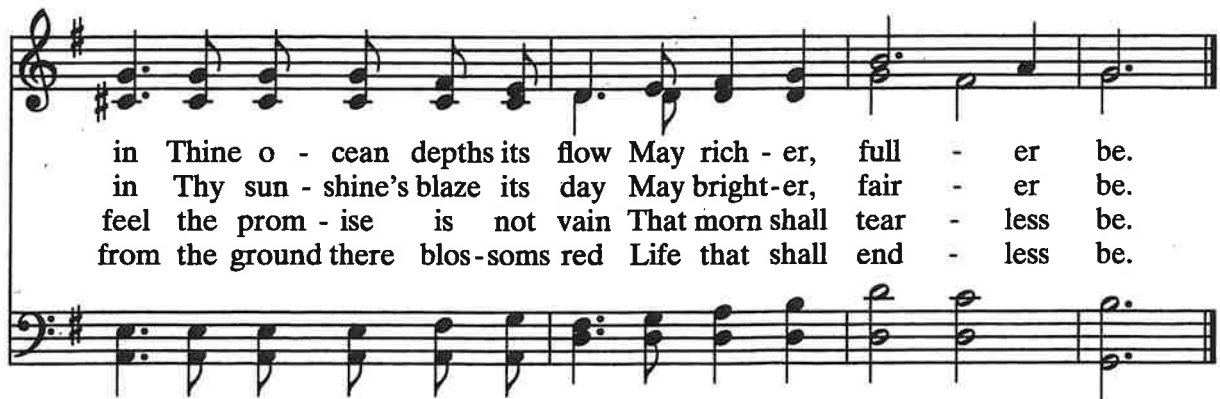
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
 3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That  
 flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
 close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And  
 ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*

Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*

Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*

Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*

Nizhóníígo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshíítinigíí,  
 Lah yóóiiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.

*Text:* Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;  
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.

March 30 – April 6, 2025

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

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

## 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.**

## Easter Memorials

You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. *The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is Palm Sunday, April 13.*

Contact the church office, or sign up online:  
<https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>

## 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/HOHHGiving](https://bit.ly/HOHHGiving) > Fund: OGHS
- Text: HOH OGHS to 73256

## 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.



## 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 30, 2025

### 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

### Monday, March 31, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

### Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Kirk Parlour

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Daniel Freeman Lectures, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Didier Seminar Meeting, Room 1
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Lenten Program, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Cathedral of St. Paul

### Thursday, April 3, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour/Chapel/Bridal Room

### Friday, April 4, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom

### Sunday, April 6, 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. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont Ed, Room 1/Zoom
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth 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](http://www.hohchurch.org).

## In Memoriam

Diane Glynn joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on June 29, 2003. Diane entered the Church Triumphant on February 15, 2025. A memorial service will take place on Monday, April 7 at 11 a.m. in the Elizabeth Chapel with a reception to follow.

Arnulf (Arnie) Svendsen joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 6, 1983. Arnie entered the Church Triumphant on March 16, 2025. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

### THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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