

# CATHEDRAL OF HOPE

Sunday June 7, 2026 | Your Body Is Holy Ground

## WORSHIP GUIDE

### Prelude:

#### *Anywhere the Heart Goes*

Music by Henry Mancini

Joshua Nguyen, flute

Strings and Rhythm of the Orchestra

### Call to Worship:

Cathedral of Hope, we gather today as people of God:

A God who welcomes everyone to the table;

Who accepts each of us as beautiful members of a rainbow  
community;

And who encourages us to share the stories of our faith journey.

So let us rise in body and spirit, as we sing with joy to our loving God.

### \*\*Processional Hymn:

#### *God, We Gather as Your People*

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,  
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.

Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,  
when your children will be free.

*Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.*

*May there be room for everyone inside.*

*For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.*

*May that welcome be our song.*

Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free,  
and we sing for generations yet to be,

that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.

May they, in your love, find rest.

*Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room for everyone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.*

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide  
can live their lives with dignity and pride.  
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,  
as against all hate we stand.

*Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room for everyone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.*

### **Welcome and Life of the Church**

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas  
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

### **\*\*Sharing of the Peace**

#### **Pride Litany: A Litany of Enduring Light**

One: We gather at the threshold of this Pride Month, standing on an enduring foundation of Hope. We come to celebrate a Divine Love that is as constant as the morning and as vibrant as the light of day.

**All: We are a people of the promise—colorful, courageous, and constant.**

One: We recognize that our journey is marked by seasons of both shadow and sun. Yet we celebrate the truth that the colors of our lives are not painted on the surface—they are etched into our very being.

**All: Though the rains may fall and the winds may blow, our spirit remains unshaken.**

One: We give thanks for the resilience found in every heart here. We are a testament that truth is not easily obscured and that the beauty of our diversity is a permanent gift to the world.

**All: No storm can dull our brilliance; no flood can dim our truth.**

One: As we move through this month of celebration, let us carry our colors with the confidence of those who know they are beloved. May we be a sign to all that grace is indelible, and that the spectrum of our love is a light that will never fade.

**All: We are washed in hope, and our colors remain. We celebrate a Pride that endures. Amen.**

*A Litany of Enduring Light by Christopher Schouten*

*\*\*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit*

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## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers on the chancel this week are given by Mark Wages and Scott Stout in honor of the 8th anniversary of being legally married and 10 years being together.

**Gradual**

***Testify to Love***

Choir: *All the colors of the rainbow, all the voices of the wind,  
Every dream that reaches out,  
that reaches out to find where love begins.  
Every word of every story, every star in every sky,  
every corner of creation lives to testify.*

ALL: For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love,  
I'll be a witness in the silences when words are not enough.  
With every breath I take, I will give thanks to God above,  
for as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

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With every breath I take, I will give thanks to God above,  
for as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

**\*\*Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

One: Our Scripture Lesson is from the sixth chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth. Hear these words:

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*\*Scripture Response**

***Testify to Love***

For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love,  
I'll be a witness in the silences when words are not enough.  
With every breath I take, I will give thanks to God above,  
for as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

**Sermon**

***Your Body Is Holy Ground***

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

**Offering Call**

Rev. Donna Jackson

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**ONLINE GIVING**

At [www.cathedralofhope.com/give](http://www.cathedralofhope.com/give) you can make a one-time donation or even set up a recurring electronic gift (by automated checking account withdrawal or credit card). One of the best things you can do to support your church is to make arrangements to give electronically.

## Offertory

### **Sanctuary** with **Take My Life**

Words and Music by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
Words: Frances R. Havergal; Music: Henri A Cesar Malan  
arranged by Bruce Greer

#### Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.*

*Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart—it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne;  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

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## Communion

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of grape and grain, and pray that you would pour out your Holy Spirit on these elements and on us gathered here. Strengthen us through this feast of grace, and, by sharing this feast, may each of us know the presence of the living Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

### Invitation

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## TEXT TO GIVE

Simply send a text message to (855) 717-1039 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$20. **The minimum text-to-give contribution is \$3.**

## **Music during Communion**

### ***For Everyone Born***

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread;  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy compassion and peace;  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy compassion and peace;  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy! Of justice, justice and joy!

### ***Always Welcome***

Your presence a refuge for me where I am always welcome.  
Your arms are a resting place where I can always go.  
Your Spirit is calling me, and I answer willingly.  
The door to you is open wide and I am always welcome.  
Your truth and life I find inside and I am always welcome.  
You draw me in to where you dwell, and I'm welcome.  
And I'm welcome, and I'm welcome.

### ***In My Life, Lord/En Mi Vida***

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
En mi vida, gloria te doy, gloria te doy.  
En mi vida, gloria te doy, Señor.

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\*\*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

***It Is Well with My Soul***

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll:  
\*\*Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*\*Recessional**

***Ours the Journey***

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we, thy people,  
ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

We are made in your own image, all persuasions, old and young,  
each a gift in thy creation, each a love song to be sung.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we, thy people,  
ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Should the threats of dark predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may thy blazing phoenix Spirit resurrect the Church again.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we, thy people,  
ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude for Dismissal**

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**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) at Cathedral of Hope will connect you with the appropriate resources that best correspond to your needs.

The CCM can be reached at  
Phone (214) 351-1901 Ext. 124  
Email at [prayer@cathedralofhope.com](mailto:prayer@cathedralofhope.com)

## WORSHIP *Services*

### Sunday English Services

8:30am Traditional  
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

10am Traditional  
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

**11:45am Contemporary**  
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

**Sunday Spanish Service**  
1:30pm (Spanish)  
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

**Mid-Week Pick Me Up**  
Our Hope@11:45 Contemporary Sunday service is broadcast the following Wednesday evening at 7:15pm on Facebook, YouTube, and our Website as your mid-week pick me up.



## 53 CHRISTOPHER COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

The therapists at 53 Christopher Counseling & Psychotherapy are offering free drop-in mental and emotional support on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Appointments are available at 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 1pm. You can scan the QR code to set up time with us. No commitment required! Just a caring, confidential space to talk and be heard.



## COMING UP @ CATHEDRAL

### Sexuality, the Bible, and Modern Christianity Thursday June 4 - July 23 | 7-8:30pm Fellowship Hall

Are you frustrated with how some people use the bible as a tool against LGBTQIA+ and sexuality in general? What does the bible really say about sexuality in general and specifically about same-sex relationships? How does a book written thousands of years in the past within a different societal and religious context apply to us today?

This introductory foundational offering is for all who seek to reconcile modern sexuality with the text found in the bible. We will investigate the overall thematic structure of the bible, its biases, its historical context, its societal context, and specifically examine scripture that has been used to condemn issues of sexuality and especially LGBTQIA+ issues.

### First Sunday Socials Sunday June 7, 2026 Texano Cocina | Lemmon Ave. Following Hope@11:45

Join us for our First Sunday Social following the 11:45am Worship Service on Sunday, June 7, 2026!

After worship, continue the fellowship and fun as we gather for good food, great conversation, and community at Texano Cocina on Lemmon Ave. Whether you're new to Cathedral of Hope or have been part of the community for years, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends old and new in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Come share a meal, laughter, and the spirit of community as we celebrate being together beyond the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

### Cathedral Cabaret Auditions Sunday June 28, 2026 | IPC

Join us for an unforgettable evening of talent and entertainment as the COH Music Ministry presents a spectacular Cabaret show on August 1, 2026!

We invite you to audition for the Cabaret show. Auditions will take place on June 28th in the Interfaith Peace Chapel, from 1pm to 5pm in 10 minute increments. Whether you have a gift for singing, dancing, acting, or any other extraordinary talent, we want to see what you've got!

If you need music for your audition performance, please bring sheet music for the pianist and track, please bring a track of the accompaniment.

Scan QR Code to register for auditions =>

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### REVIVE: Faith. Freedom. Fierce Love. Saturday, September 5th, 2026 | 1pm-6pm Hosted by Pride in Dallas

A Pride revival centered on healing, liberation, joy, and spiritual renewal — reclaiming sacred space for LGBTQ+ people, allies, families, and seekers. The tone is vibrant, gospel-rooted, affirming, and unapologetically hopeful.



\*Scan QR code for more info about our upcoming events

# IMPORTANT

Information

## Incense Use in Worship

Christmas Eve (9pm) & Christmas Eve (11pm)  
Epiphany Sunday (10am)  
Good Friday  
Easter Sunday (10am)  
Pentecost (10am)  
and All Saints Sunday (10am)

Incense Use in Worship At Cathedral of Hope, incense is used as part of our worship experience on select holy days, including Christmas Eve (9pm, 11pm), Epiphany Sunday (10am), Good Friday, Easter Sunday (10am), Pentecost (10am), and All Saints Sunday (10am). We use a hypoallergenic incense designed to minimize irritation, but we recognize that sensitivities vary from person to person. If you have concerns, we invite you to speak with an usher or clergy member so we can support your worship experience in a way that feels safe and comfortable.

## LIFE GROUPS

Sign Up

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be in a life group that follows the sermon series so that we can grow spiritually together! We have groups that meet each day of the week both in person and virtually. Scan the QR code to check out our groups or email,

Rev. Jeremy, for more information at [jrose@cathedralofhope.com](mailto:jrose@cathedralofhope.com)

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### Children Volunteers

Our children and youth ministries are growing, and we would love for you to be part of it. If you have a heart for kids or a passion for teaching, this is a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact. To get involved, reach out to

Amani Murphy at [amurphy@cathedralofhope.com](mailto:amurphy@cathedralofhope.com)

## First Time Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, stop by the Connect Center to meet and greet with volunteers and staff, and to pick up a special gift from us to you.

## Children and Families

We offer Children's Church for children between infancy and 5th grade. We meet in person on Sundays during all four services for faith-filled and fun programming. Childcare for the littlest ones is available on Sundays.

## Youth

Our youth group is for those between 6th and 12th grades. It is a safe space to share struggles and joys. We meet Sundays at 10am in Rm. 102 for Youth Group.

## Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that feels the safest and most comfortable to you. Gendered, multiple occupancy restrooms are located near the double glass doors behind the Sanctuary. All-gender, single occupancy restrooms are available off the hall to the right of the Hall of Heroes area.

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*\*Children and youth are always welcome in worship! Children and youth programming is available during all four worship services for infants through 12th grade. Please ask an usher for directions or more information.*

## A friendly reminder...

As you may know, we have security presence at all worship services and other major events. We have a security team and a security plan in place in case of need. We ask you to partner with us and ensure that you are aware of your surroundings and the main exits in the building. And, if you see something, say something. Speak to a member of staff or a member of our security team. Thank you for your assistance.

Assisted listening systems are available in the bookstore

Please note that by sitting in the sanctuary, you may be filmed or photographed. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please feel free to worship in the Fellowship Hall

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