

Hamline Church United Methodist

**REOPENING PLAN
SUMMER 2021**

GUIDING VALUES

From John Wesley's "Simple Rules"

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO DO NO HARM

We value the health and safety of our congregation, our staff and our visitors, and we understand that it will take flexibility from all to reopen fully

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO DO ALL THE GOOD WE CAN

We value inclusion and offer in-person and online options of worship, education and fellowship as we regather with measured thoughtfulness

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD

We value love and strive to treat each other with respect, kindness and compassion as we navigate our comfort level for returning to church

GUIDING METRICS - WHY AND HOW

Goal: Reopen as safely and soon as possible

The Hamline Church Council will monitor data and update recommendations for reopening.

The data from our guiding metrics will change over time and our church experiences and plans will change accordingly.

GUIDING METRICS WHERE DO WE LOOK?

The Hamline Church United Methodist COVID Task Force will use the following metrics to guide our decisions for reopening:

- Minnesota Department of Health / Faith Leaders Update
- Minnesota Annual Conference Covid-Response Plan
- Ramsey County data
<https://data.ramseycounty.us/stories/s/Ramsey-County-COVID-19-Situation-Update/w4ux-wmze>

OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 20

- Sundays at 10:00am on the Front Lawn
- Service is live streamed to hamlinechurch.org/live-stream, on Facebook and YouTube. It is available on demand, to watch online.
- If raining, people stay home; worship leaders livestream the service from the Sanctuary without a congregation.

What do we need from YOU?

- Stay home if sick or exposed
- Practice physical distancing
- Masks are optional outside and required indoors.

WHERE SHOULD YOU SIT FOR WORSHIP?

- Allow distance between households or pods
- Fully vaccinated people may sit together with friends whom they know are also fully vaccinated
- People encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets; use of Hamline Church chairs is allowed, but chairs will be set up as people who need them arrive
- Greeters help people find places to sit that are an appropriate distance

SINGING FOR WORSHIP

- Musicians at least 10 feet away from congregation

SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP

- Bulletins and offering buckets placed on a table for people to pick up and deposit donations
- Hand sanitizer available
- No communion
- No refreshments served
- Children will begin in worship with families, then they will be invited to participate in the Summer in the Garden program. Summer in the Garden will be led by vaccinated Hamline staff, volunteers and interns. You may participate with your child if you'd like.
- Bathrooms open; custodian will make sure that bathrooms are disinfected before Sunday morning

CHURCH GROUP GATHERINGS

Worship, of course, is not the only way we come together. For all the other times – meetings, programming, practices, and more – we have broad guidelines for you.

If you have questions about how these apply to your group – contact the church office at humc@hamlinechurch.org.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GATHERINGS

- Face covering/mask required indoors
- Stay home if sick or exposed
- Physical distancing

Reservations required for indoor & outdoor spaces and for Zoom use - reserve at humc@hamlinechurch.org

OUTSIDE SPACES

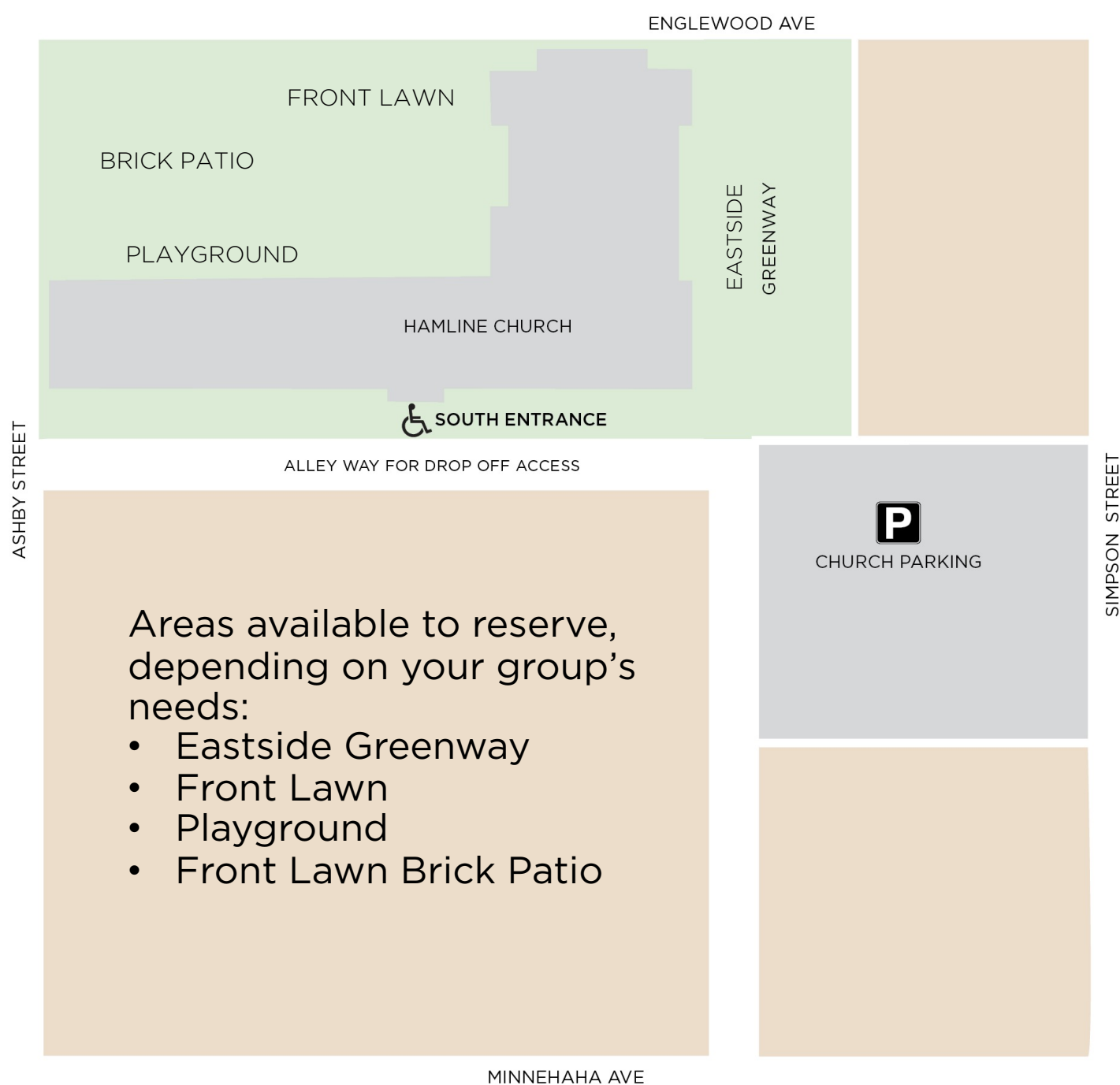
- We have multiple outside areas available to gather.
- Bring your own chairs if possible.
- Bathroom available on main floor for use.

Reservations required.

Good things happen inside this building, and they happen outside, too.

Sign up to use our outdoor spaces, using this as your guide.

Not to scale. Use it as a reference and indicate which area you are interested in reserving!



Areas available to reserve, depending on your group's needs:

- Eastside Greenway
- Front Lawn
- Playground
- Front Lawn Brick Patio

INSIDE SPACES

- Available only for small groups (50 people or less) to reserve.
- Masks required.
- Observe appropriate distancing.
- Windows open if possible.

Areas available:

Room 6, 7, 8, 10

Green Room

Sanctuary

Reservations required.

ONLINE OPTIONS

Our Zoom account can be used for small group meetings.

Reservations Required.

The Church Council is continually evaluating metrics and will make updates as necessary.

We anticipate returning to indoor worship in late summer or early fall.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Join us for outdoor worship on the front lawn this summer Sundays at 10am! Worship will also be livestreamed to: hamlinechurch.org/live-stream, Facebook and YouTube.

In case of inclement weather – an announcement will be sent via email and social media by 8:00am and we invite you to join us for online worship!

SUMMER WORSHIP DATES

JUNE

June 13: Graduation Sunday &
Kids Summer in the Garden
Kick-off!
10am Online Worship only

June 20: Father's Day
10am Outdoor Worship & Online
Worship

June 27: Pride Sunday
10am Online Worship only

JULY

July 4: Independence Day
10am Online Worship only

July 11, 18, & 25:
10am Outdoor Worship & Online
Worship

AUGUST

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29:
10am Outdoor Worship
& Online Worship