

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EMBODIED BELIEVING



EARTHKEEPERS SUNDAY
APRIL 27, 2025



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PRELUDE

Awake Thou Wintry Earth

Virginia Carrington Thomas
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

HAMLIN CHURCH LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Susan Mullin

OPENING PROCESSIONAL

Dave Anderson
Movement led by Janet Skidmore

*** HYMN 111**

How Can We Name a Love (v. 1, 3 & 4)

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship

The Peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Share the peace with your neighbors by greeting in the way most comfortable for you.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

JoEllen Ambrose

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio. 4th-5th graders will sit together in worship and then gather in the youth room after the sermon. Childcare is available in the Frolic Room for 5 and under.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG

Nature Boy

Eden Ahbez
David Kozisek and Eileen Miller

There was a boy
A very strange, enchanted boy
They say he wandered very far
Very far, over land and sea
A little shy and sad of eye
But very wise was he

And then one day
A magic day he passed my way
And while we spoke of many things
Fools and kings, this he said to me
"The greatest thing you'll ever learn
Is just to love and be loved in return"

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31
Kimm Schneider

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

New Life Amidst Change

Miriam Friesen

SONG

Seeds of Freedom

Manu Chao
House Band

INVITATION TO EARTHKEEPERS & SACRED RECKONINGS

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN 707

Hymn of Promise

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Largo from *Xerxes*

George Frederic Handel
Eileen Miller, Organist

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee and refreshments.*

*Thank you to the Hamline Church Earthkeepers for leading worship today!
We are grateful to Miriam Friesen for her inspiring message about new life amidst change, and for all our
Hamline Church Earthkeepers and the many ways you help us live out our calling to be stewards of the Earth.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – HAMLINE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

Mni Sota Makoce, the land where the waters reflect the skies, has been the homeland of the Dakota people for at least 1,000 years. At the heart of this homeland is Bdote, the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. For the Dakota, Bdote is the center of the earth and the place of creation — a sacred place of ceremony and prayer. The homelands of the Anishinaabe and HoChunk peoples are also nearby.

Less than eight miles from Bdote, Hamline Church is built on land ceded by the Dakota to the United States by treaty in 1837. This treaty makes our presence legal, but does not make it just. U.S. government officials and prominent fur traders set up a system intended to drive the Dakota into debt, forcing them to sell their land at very low prices, depriving the Dakota of their livelihoods, communities, homelands, and sacred places. Missionary Mary Riggs called it “treacherous cruelty.”

This “treacherous cruelty” was fueled by the Christian Doctrine of Discovery – a doctrine justifying the conquest, colonization and enslavement of all non-Christians. We lament that Christian individuals and institutions in Minnesota crafted unjust land cession treaties, broke treaty promises, forced the removal of native peoples from this land, and established harmful Indian boarding schools. We acknowledge that Hamline Church continues to benefit from our forebears’ participation in this genocidal system. We confess our moral responsibility as Christians, and as a congregation we seek to repair harm.

Hamline Church United Methodist commits to the work of Sacred Reckonings, exploring ways to:

- Tell the truth about our histories
- Deepen our spiritual practice to support us in this work
- Improve relationships
- Stand in solidarity with our indigenous neighbors
- Return wealth to the original inhabitants of this land

We are indebted to the many Native American spiritual leaders that call us to this time of reckoning, teach us the histories that we did not learn in school, and model Christian faith and practice from their unique perspectives. Inspired by their teaching, we are on a journey of repentance, reconciliation, and repair — seeking by faith to love and live into a future of mutual respect and dignity for all people.

ABOUT THE HAMLINE CHURCH EARTHKEPPERS

The Hamline Church Earthkeepers seek to live out our sacred responsibility to God’s creation by providing meaningful opportunities for our church and community to engage with, learn from, and care for God’s creation. As Christians and as Methodists, we firmly believe that we are called to deeply love and mindfully steward all of God’s creation. As Christians and as United Methodists, we believe that we are called to deeply love and mindfully steward all of God’s creation. We invite you to add your voice, ideas, and leadership to creation care at Hamline Church! To learn more or be added to our email list please send a message to HamlineEarthkeepers@gmail.com

COMPASSIONATE CARE SERIES

TOUGH CONVERSATIONS: TALKING ABOUT LOSS AND GRIEF

Sunday, May 4 at 11:15am in the Parlor

Silence, though powerful, is often misunderstood—especially during times of loss. While some avoid reaching out for fear of causing hurt, this can leave griever feeling abandoned. Open, respectful communication helps ease grief for all involved. This session offers practical ways to talk about loss, comfort others, and support children, adults, and elders through grief and end-of-life conversations. Hosted by the Hamline Church Care Team. Contact Rev. Sally Johnson with questions (pause.sally@gmail.com).

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS AND WELCOME MEAL

Sunday, May 4 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Explore Membership at Hamline Church! Are you interested in going deeper with your spiritual journey here at Hamline Church? Join us for a laid back time to get to know one another better and deepen your connections at Hamline Church. This will also be a time to learn more about the ministry of Hamline Church and how to become involved. All ages welcome. Contact Pastor Heather with questions or to RSVP (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP - **EARTHKEEPERS CELEBRATION**

10:15AM | SACRED STUDIO

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR
YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7

11:15AM | **ISAIAH DEEP LISTENING SESSION** Parlor
A meaningful conversation as part of Isaiah's 2025 Deep Listening Survey. This statewide effort gathers input from faith communities to shape strategies for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.

11:30AM | **CONFIRMATION** Youth Room

WED 12:30PM | **CENTERING PRAYER** via text message

1:00PM | **MAHJONG GROUP** Parlor

4:00PM | **HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
6:00PM | **HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL**
SING, SAY, DANCE, & PLAY! (k- 5th)
7:00PM | **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

THUR 1:00PM-4:00PM | **GARDEN WORK DAY**

SAT 9:00AM-12:00PM | **GARDEN WORK DAY**

2:45PM-5:30PM | **CCEC PROGRAM: THE STATUS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES IN MINNESOTA**

NEXT 8:55AM-9:15AM | **CENTERING PRAYER** Chapel

SUN 9:00AM | **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP** Parlor

9:15AM | **CENTERING PRAYER** via text message

10:00AM | **WORSHIP**

11:00AM | **COFFEE HOUR**
YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7

11:15AM | **COMPASSIONATE CARE SERIES** Parlor

11:30AM | **YOUTH GROUP** Youth Room

4:00PM | **MUSIC & ARTS SERIES: BELLS OF THE LAKES**

5:30PM | **NEW MEMBER DINNER** Community Room

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ECUMENICAL CONSORTIUM:
THE STATUS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES IN MINNESOTA

Saturday, May 3 at 2:45pm

Join Ana Negrete, Interim Director, to learn about the scope of the issue of American Indian women and girls going missing and being murdered, and the ongoing efforts to raise awareness and end violence. Free event - registration encouraged: tinyurl.com/ccec-mmir

MUSIC & ARTS SERIES AT HAMLINE CHURCH PRESENTS:
BELLS OF THE LAKES - HOORAY FOR SPRING
Sunday, May 4 at 4:00pm

The premier handbell ensemble of the Twin Cities, under the direction of founder Bill Mathis, offers a virtuosic program sure to wow. Tickets \$15.



WELCOME TO HAMLINE

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshipping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence, we greet you with joy. Your presence enriches this time of celebration. May all experience God as we worship.



KIDS TODAY

Children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio (our spiritual formation time) after the children's moment. 4th-5th graders will sit together in worship and then gather in the youth room after the sermon.

Are children welcome here?

Yes! Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring and reading supplies are available near the Commons doors, and in the narthex. We have a quieter space available to all in the chapel off the narthex.

Where is the nursery?

Children 5 and under are welcome in the nursery, located in Room 8 in the upstairs Sunday school hallway. Our service is streamed in the nursery, if you would like to join your child. Nursing spaces include: the rocking chairs in the sanctuary, in the Frolic room (8), or in the chapel off the narthex.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY...

When do I stand?

* Please stand if you are able for titles marked with a star *

When do I speak?

Words in "Bold" print are for everyone.

Where is this hymn?

Hymns with 2 or 3 numbers are in the hard cover UMC hymnal. Hymns with 4 numbers are in the soft-cover *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

Where is the restroom?

There are restrooms just through the commons at the top of the stairs. There are more restrooms downstairs below the front doors.

A quiet low sensory space is available to all in the chapel off the narthex.



Assistive listening devices are available for use, or you can connect through wifi and use your own hearing aid or headset. Please see a greeter if you need assistance.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your offering helps support the mission and ministry of Hamline Church. There are many ways to make your contribution:

- Place offerings in the baskets after worship.
- Online giving: hamlinechurch.org/give (scan the QR code!)
- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Text to Give: Text HamlineChurch1514G\$100 to 73256. Give in any increment you choose by entering the amount after the \$.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Please visit hamlinechurch.org/give



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