



BELIEVING INTO CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMPASSIONATE CARE
SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025



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PRELUDE

In Thee Is Gladness, Opus 21

Paul Manz
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kay Frase

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.

Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

* HYMN 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

* 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

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children are invited to stay in worship as we celebrate communion together this week. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone
down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
For God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

MESSAGE

Compassionate Care

Ted Bowman

SONG

Morning Has Broken

Cat Stevens
House Band

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Sally Johnson & Rev. Heather Grantham

And all the creatures, in their own language, spoke their gratitude:

**The whole world is full of your goodness and mercy.
We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

With all creation, we continue to say:

**The whole world is full of your goodness and mercy.
We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

O God, may we continue to welcome to the circle all who are in need
and share in our awe and thanksgiving, saying:

**The world is full of your goodness and mercy.
We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

Let us pray together:

**Our Creator,
who dwells in heaven and earth,
sacred are all your names.
May your circle of mercy and care be present this day and
your will for all creation bring us into your light,
even as we are held by your great love throughout time.
Feed us today with the gifts of your goodness
and bathe us in your mercy,
as we offer acts of justice and love to all we meet.
Help us to turn from all that leads us from your way
and save us from all that destroys life.
For this creation is yours,
full of awe and beauty and mystery,
today, tomorrow, and always,
may it be so, Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

This is God's table, and everyone without exception may have communion. If you are celebrating communion at home: take bread/cracker and a beverage and say: "The bread of life, the cup of blessing"

If you are celebrating communion in the sanctuary, there are two stations at the front, one at the back, one for the west transept. A gluten free option is available at the front station. If you prefer to remain in your pew, please raise your hand and the servers will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC & SILENT PRAYER

Creation Hymn Medley
189 Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1 & 2)
92 For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 1, 2, & 4)
314 In the Garden (v. 1 & 2)

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN 706 Soon and Very Soon

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE In Thee Is Gladness, Opus 20 Paul Manz

*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.*

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER: TED BOWMAN

Ted Bowman is an educator, author, and consultant specializing in change and transition for individuals, families, and organizations. He helps people draw on their strengths and community resources to navigate life's challenges. Ted has taught at the University of Minnesota, United Theological and the University of Saint Thomas. He served as Senior Trainer at the Wilder Foundation for over a decade. A prolific writer, Ted has published over 100 articles, chapters, booklets, and poems. He is a frequent speaker and trainer nationally and internationally. Ted is the father and stepfather of four, grandfather of five, and cherishes the memory of his late wife, Marge.



COMPASSIONATE CARE SERIES

TOUGH CONVERSATIONS: TALKING ABOUT LOSS AND GRIEF

TODAY 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 grieverers 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.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS AND WELCOME MEAL

TODAY from 5:30pm - 7:30pm Community Room

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

11:00AM | **COFFEE HOUR** Community Room
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

TUES 6:30PM | **DINING HALL MEETING** Dining Hall

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

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

4:00PM | **HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
6:00PM | **HU END OF YEAR PIZZA PARTY** Front Lawn
SING, SAY, DANCE, & PLAY! (k- 5th)
7:00PM | **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

THUR 10:00AM | **CARE TEAM MEETING** Room 7

10:00AM - 4:00PM | **COMMUNITY BREAD BAKE**

4:00PM-6:00PM | **BREAD BAKE DELIVERY**

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** Community Room
YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7

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

4:30PM | **FICTION & FELLOWSHIP** Green Room



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.*



HAMLINE UNIVERSITY & NEIGHBORHOOD PIZZA PARTY!

This Wednesday, May 7 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Hamline students and community members are invited to celebrate the end of the Hamline University school year with a pizza party and live music! Community members and alums are invited too! Join us on the church lawn for fun, food and fellowship. Contact Pastor Heather for more information (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).

COMMUNITY BREAD BAKE

Thursday, May 8

Making 10:00am - 4:00pm, Delivery 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Hamline Church is baking bread and gifting it to our neighbors as a tangible sign of abundance in this time of scarcity. On Thursday May 8, join the bread oven team as we bake over 50 loaves of bread in our bread oven. Many hands are needed so feel free to sign up when you can help! (hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central).



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

We invite children to stay in worship as we celebrate communion together this week. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.

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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