

BACK TO BASICS: FOUNDATIONS FOR BEING HUMAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



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PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* OPENING PRAYER

Kay Frase

O Creator of light and life, you breathe your image into us and call us good. Teach us again that we were made for love — love of you, each other, and all creation — until every breath sings your praise. Amen.

* HYMN 384

Love Divine All Love Excelling (1, 3, & 4)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

God of life, we forget we are made in your image. We distort love and forget your purposes for us. Forgive us, and restore your likeness within us.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who formed you calls you beloved. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent to love.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Share a sign of peace with your neighbors by greeting them in the way most comfortable for you.

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children PreK- 5th Grade will remain in worship with families as we celebrate Communion. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.

KINDERGARTEN FAITH MILESTONE

Isabelle, Vincent, Dory, Hazel, Adi, Josie, Nomi, and Elliot

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells
Chancel Choir
Directed by Dr. David Kozisek

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace,
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

-Robert Bridges

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seed within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength.

These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds.

Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up.

Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol.

Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Foundations for Being Human

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard

SONG

Because You Are

Celia Whitler
House Band

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Heather Grantham and Sharon Fields

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting B p. 19 in UMH

Repeat after Leader

..who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord; God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna,

in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Repeat after Leader

...we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen, Amen,

Amen.

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

This is God's table, and everyone without exception may have communion. There are two stations at the front, one in the back, and one for the west transept. Please raise your hand if you'd like to be served at your pew. A gluten free station is available in the front. If you choose, you may kneel at the rail for prayer.

You're invited to place your offering in the offering boxes or give online during communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC & SILENT PRAYER

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual, arr. Lawrence
Justine Scarbrough, Soprano

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN 2146 His Eye is on the Sparrow

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 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.*

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP
11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR Community Room
11:00AM | GRIEF & LOSS GROUP Green Room
11:00AM | YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE - MEET TOVE!
Youth Room
11:30AM | FOLK MUSIC JAM Room 7

TUES 7:00PM | MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS MEETING Room 7

WED 12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER via text message
Contact Julie Dahlke (jliddvm@usfamily.net)
1:00PM | MAHJONG Room 7
4:00PM | HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:30PM | HU BACK TO SCHOOL BASH Front Lawn 🍌
6:00PM | HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
7:00PM | CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

NEXT SUN 8:55AM-9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
9:00AM | FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER via text message julie
10:00AM | WORSHIP
10:15AM | SACRED STUDIO BEGINS!
11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR Community Room
11:00AM | RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Front Lawn
4:30PM | FICTION & FELLOWSHIP GREEN ROOM

NEW SERIES BACK TO BASICS:

ESSENTIALS FOR BEING HUMAN AND CHRISTIAN NOW

At Hamline Church, faith isn't measured by rigid rules or right beliefs — it's revealed in how we live, love, and serve. We invite you join us this fall for worship & small groups on our new sermon series. Look for our fall booklet this Sunday to get connected through small groups, volunteer opportunities and more!

YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE

Today, Sunday, September 7 after worship in the Youth Room Get to know our new Director of Student Ministries Tove Trelstad-Larsen, connect with friends, and enjoy donuts in the Youth Room!

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT

Today, Sunday, September 7 after worship
The journey of grief and loss has many twists and turns. Having people with whom you can share thoughts and feelings can soften its edges. This is an open group and people are invited to join at any time. We will meet in the Green Room after worship. Contact Sally Johnson with questions (pause.sally@gmail.com).

RALLY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 14
After worship, join us for live music by the Squid City Slingers, bagels fresh out of the bread oven, and an inflatable obstacle course for the kids! You will have the opportunity to register kids for youth & children's programs and find out how to get connected here at Hamline Church. Contact our office with questions (humc@hamlinechurch.org).

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

This Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Hamline University students and neighbors alike are invited to our Back to School Bash! Come pet llamas and connect with our community! Contact Pastor Heather (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).

SACRED STUDIO - BE A TEACHER THIS FALL!

Sign up to volunteer to be a Sacred Studio teacher on Sign up Central: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central. Contact Tove Trelstad-Larsen Director of Student Ministries with questions (ttrelstad-larsen@hamlinechurch.org).



WELCOME TO HAMLINE

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshiping 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 PreK- 5th Grade will remain in worship with families as we celebrate Communion. 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, the Frolic room 8, or 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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