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**PRELUDE**

Jesus, Thou My Dearest Life

Johann Sebastian Bach  
*Eileen Miller, Organist*

**WELCOME**

*Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor*

**CHORAL PROCESSION**

Praise, Praise, Praise, the Lord

Cameroon, arr. Ralph M. Johnson  
*Chancel Choir*

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

*Atlas*

**Flame of Love, kindle within us a passion for your presence. Draw our hearts, minds, and strength into the current of your endless mercy so that each part of our living loves you fully. Amen.**

**\* HYMN 451**

Be Thou My Vision

**\* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations*

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.*

## TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

*Tove Trelstad-Larsen, Director of Student Ministries*

*We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio (our spiritual formation time) after the children's moment. 4th & 5th sit together in worship then gather in Youth Room after the sermon. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.*

## COMMISSIONING OF THE 2026 / 2027 CONFIRMATION CLASS

### HYMN 2193

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation*

### 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.**

### ANTHEM

Joyful Praise

Hal Hopson  
*Handbell Choir*  
*Directed by Dr. David Kozisek*

### SCRIPTURE

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.

Matthew 22:36-38

"Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment."

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

The Great Commandment: Love God Fully

*Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard*

**SONG**

A Flowery Song

Five Iron Frenzy  
*House Band*

**OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* HYMN 2148**

Over My Head

**\* SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude 1 *from* Eight Little Preludes and Fugues

J.S. Bach

*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.*



**JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP!**

Today, Sunday, September 14 at 11:00am  
Join us for live music by the Squid City Slingers and bagels fresh out of the bread oven! Kids (and adults!) can also enjoy the inflatable obstacle course, bouncy house, face paint & lawn games! 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](mailto:humc@hamlinechurch.org)).

***Accessible way to the front lawn:***

Using the elevator at the south entrance, head out the alleyway door. Go left, and around the building to the Green Way. Keep heading around and up the ramp to the Front Lawn.

**CONNECT WITH US!**

Stop by our welcome table at Rally Sunday to to get connected! We will have our Fall Connection Guide available, sign ups for small groups and more.

Find our Connection Guide online on our homepage [hamlinechurch.org](http://hamlinechurch.org). Contact Communications Specialist Isabel Bialka with questions ([ibialka@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:ibialka@hamlinechurch.org)).

## THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

- SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP  
10:15AM | SACRED STUDIO BEGINS!  
11:00AM | RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Front Lawn  
4:30PM | FICTION & FELLOWSHIP GREEN ROOM  
6:00PM | SUNDAY SMALL GROUP Room 7
- MON 11:30AM | MONDAY SMALL GROUP Youth Room
- WED 12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER via text message  
Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)  
1:00PM | MAHJONG Room 7  
4:00PM | HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:30PM | WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER Community Room  
5:45PM | WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIO Room 10  
6:00PM | SMALL GROUP Room 7 | CHILDREN'S MUSIC Parlor  
HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL Sanctuary  
7:00PM | CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- THUR 6:00PM | THURSDAY SMALL GROUP Parlor  
7:30PM | RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP via Zoom
- SAT 9:30AM - 3:30PM | HAMLINE WOMEN FALL MARKET
- 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  
11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR Community Room  
11:30AM | YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF PARTY! Youth Room  
6:00PM | SUNDAY SMALL GROUP Room 7

### FALL SERIES + SMALL GROUPS 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. Sign up for small groups today! Groups will meet Sept 14 - Nov 5: [hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central](http://hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

This Wednesday, September 17 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Sept 17 - Nov 12

Adults and children alike are invited to join us for connection, community and growth. Children 0 - 5th are invited to Wednesday Night Studio and K - 5th enjoy children's music! Sign up for dinner and adult small groups on Sign Up Central [hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central](http://hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central). Contact Pastor Heather ([hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org)).

### CONNECT WITH US

Sign up for our weekly newsletter: [bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter](http://bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter)

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## SACRED STUDIO STARTS TODAY!

Children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio (our spiritual formation time) after the children's moment. Please pick your child up at the end of worship from their classroom: Pre-K & K Room 10; 1st & 2nd Room 7; 3rd Parlor; 4th & 5th sit together in worship then gather in Youth Room after the sermon.

### Sacred Studio Teachers

Love to teach kids? Volunteer for our Sunday school & spiritual formation time for our children at Hamline! Sign up to volunteer to be a Sacred Studio teacher on Sign up Central: [hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central](http://hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central).

### 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](http://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!

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