



the good news is...

inspiring us to act

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026



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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

*Please collect a palm branch from the Commons or Narthex
and gather on the front steps of the church to begin our procession, as you are able.
Livestream will be available in the Sanctuary.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Ride on, King Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir

*** THE GATHERING**

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?
We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest.

SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor Sharon Fields, Associate Pastor of Executive Operations

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the

bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*** HYMN 280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1 - 4)

Children can process to the chancel steps, after the choir, during the hymn for the children's message.

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. (refrain)**

**1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (refrain)**

**4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (refrain)**

**2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. (refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Marcia Brinkley

**Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
**We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!**

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

Rev. Mariah Tollgaard

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. Afterwards children Pre k-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio.

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David

Daniel Moe
Chancel Choir directed by Dr. David Kozisek

MESSAGE

The Good News is... Inspiring Us to Act

Rev. Heather Grantham

SONG

Hold On (*Keep Your Hand on the Plow*)

Pete Seeger
House Band

PASSIONTIDE PRAYERS: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHRIST'S FINAL DAYS

Pastor Sharon Fields

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.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

*** HYMN 2112** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*** SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Heavenly Peace

Wilbur Held
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, refreshments, and pretzels from the brick oven.

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

Children in Prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio after the children's moment. 4th & 5th graders sit together in labeled pews and after the sermon head to the Youth Room. Please pick your children up after worship!

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.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS AND WELCOME MEAL

Today at 5:30pm-7:00pm, Parlor
Gather for a relaxed, all-ages-friendly time to connect, ask questions, and explore what membership at Hamline Church looks like. You'll also have a chance to hear more about our history and ministries, and to get to know others who are on the journey with you. RSVP to Pastor Heather (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).

Our new member ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 19 during worship at 10:00am. Please contact Heather Grantham with any questions and/or to RSVP!

SUN	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above)
	10:00AM	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR WITH PRETZELS Community Room
11:30AM		CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL Sanctuary
		YOUTH GROUP Youth Room
		THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP Green Room
		YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
		PALM SUNDAY MARCH palmsunday2026.com
2:00PM		MUSIC & ARTS: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	5:30PM	MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS & WELCOME MEAL
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jiddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	4:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	6:00PM	SING, SAY, DANCE & PLAY
	7:00PM	HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	2:00PM	THURSDAY SMALL GROUP Roseville Home
	6:00PM	THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP Parlor
	6:00PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL & WORSHIP
FRI	7:00PM	GOOD FRIDAY TAIZÉ WORSHIP
NEXT SUN	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above)
	10:00AM	EASTER WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room EASTER EGG HUNT & HOT CROSS BUNS!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER | hamlinechurch.org/holy-week

PALM SUNDAY MARCH
Today at 1:30pm Meeting at Camphor Memorial UMC
2:00pm Central Village Park to process to the Capitol
2:30pm Program & Worship, Register at palmsunday2026.com
Email Melanie McCully for more information
(asm.melanie24@gmail.com).

MUSIC & ARTS: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Today at 4:00pm
Featuring organist Stephen Hamilton, dancer Penelope Freeh, and Michael Barone as the narrator. *Freewill donation.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY
This Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm Dinner Potluck
7:00pm Livestreamed Worship
Potluck and worship as we remember the Last Supper and journey through Tenebrae to the cross. Sign up to bring a dish or help with setup/cleanup: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central.

GOOD FRIDAY
This Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm
Experience a simple, candlelit Taizé service of song, silence, and prayer. Join us around the cross as we gently contemplate Christ's suffering love and abiding presence.

EASTER SUNDAY
Next Sunday, April 5 at 10:00am
Our joy-filled Easter Celebration includes the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, House Band, Handbells and a Brass Quintet. Join us after worship for an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn!

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, including an all gender restroom.

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!

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