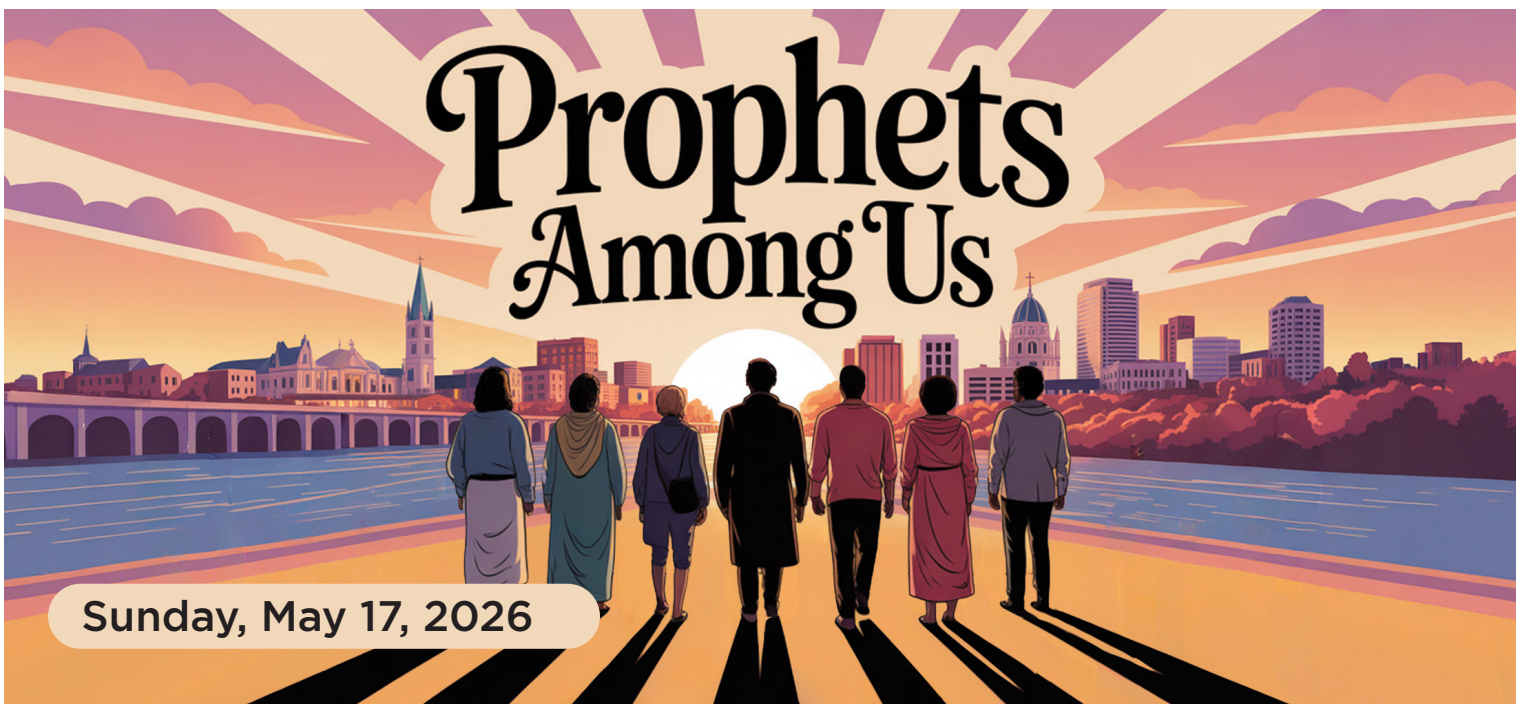


Prophets Among Us



Sunday, May 17, 2026



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Please fill out a connection card online by scanning the QR code to the left & you will be directed to the sign-in page, or by going to: hamlinechurch.org/here

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Piper

God's love knows no bounds, no closet, no border, no binary.

We worship the One who creates us in wondrous, diverse images.

When the church has shut doors and hearts, the Spirit has kept speaking through prophets of all kinds.

We lament the harm done in God's name and commit ourselves to a new way.

In Christ, we are called friends—named, affirmed, and sent.

We rejoice in a community where every body, every story, and every identity is welcome and beloved.

Amen.

* HYMN 2236

Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken
gather us in the tired and afraid,
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

4. Let not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be 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

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. 4th & 5th sit together in worship then gather in Youth Room after the sermon. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Fields, Associate Pastor of Executive Operations

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:7-13

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Prophetic Organizing for the Realm of God

*Rev. Oby Ballinger
Lead Organizer of Prism Organizing*

SONG

The One Who Knows

Dar Williams
House Band

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

Let's Walk Together

Mark Miller

**1. Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,**

**Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

2. **Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,**

**Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

3. **Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!**

**Crying welcome! Welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

*** SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hal Hopson

*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.*

GUEST SPEAKER REV. OBY BALLINGER



Prism Organizing Network develops leaders working for LGBTQIA2S+ equality to empower a statewide movement for queer and trans safety, dignity, and freedom. Learn more at prismorganizing.org.

Rev. Oby Ballinger is the founder and lead organizer of Prism Organizing Network, working for LGBTQ safety, dignity, and freedom throughout Minnesota. Oby grew up on a family farm near Rochester, attended Concordia College in Moorhead, graduated from Yale Divinity School, then served several Twin Cities congregations in the United Church of Christ (UCC). Oby organized UCC communities statewide to support marriage equality in 2012 as part of the Minnesotans United for All Families campaign, and has also been an organizer with ISAIAH for racial, social, economic, and climate justice. In January 2025, Oby left parish ministry to launch Prism Organizing Network, which develops leaders working for LGBTQ equality across the state. Oby lives in Saint Paul with his husband Javen Swanson, their cat Amos, and their dog Ruthie.

THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

Children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for our last day of Sacred Studio 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.

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.

SACRED STUDIO ENDS—SUMMER IN SPROUT BEGINS!

Today is the conclusion of Sacred Studio for the summer. Huge thank you to our families & teachers! Summer in SPROUT Garden begins June 14.

SUN	10:00AM	WORSHIP
	10:15AM	LAST DAY OF SACRED STUDIO
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
		YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
	11:15AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:30PM	YOUTH GROUP END OF THE YEAR PARTY Youth Room
TUES	6:30PM	MONARCA DEMOCRACY DEFENSE Sanctuary
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jliddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	4:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	6:00PM	HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	7:30PM	RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP
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	PENTECOST WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
		YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
	11:15AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:30AM	CONFIRMATION Youth Room

BASIC NEEDS COLLECTION FOR FACE2FACE

Help support homeless and unsheltered youth by donating white t-shirts, socks, underwear, or making a financial gift this May. A collection basket for physical items is located in the Commons, or give online by selecting "Face2Face/SafeZone" at hamlinechurch.org/give. Contact Steve Bloom with questions (stevebloom54@protonmail.com).

MONARCA DEMOCRACY DEFENSE TRAINING - VOLUNTEER & ATTEND!

Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30pm
Learn how to help keep elections safe, free, and fair! This training will focus on your rights and specific actions you can take to ensure every citizen will be able to cast their ballot safely on November 3rd. To learn more & register, visit monarcamn.org/training.

Volunteers are needed to help provide a welcoming presence. Sign up here: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central. Reach out to Lynn Mullin with questions (lmullin@hamlinechurch.org).

VBS SUMMER CAMP - REGISTER BY NEXT FRIDAY!

Monday, June 15 to 19, Kids PreK - 5th Grade
Join us for a week of exploring God's love through music, crafts, games, and more with this year's VBS theme: Every Living Thing! Adults and youth are needed to help create the magic of VBS. Sign up to volunteer below. Adults receive a \$50 discount for volunteering 3+ hours.

For more information, to register & sign up: hamlinechurch.org/vacation-bible-school.

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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!

Questions? Please visit hamlinechurch.org/give



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