

Grace

Sunday, August 2, 2026



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PRELUDE

Trio No. I & II, Opus 49

Josef Rheinberger
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Wilcox-Freeburg

We come as people who have tried to earn what God freely gives.

We come weary of striving and ready for grace.

Before we knew it, God was already at work within us.

Before we believed it, God was already loving us.

In our doubt, in our failure, in our restless searching—

God meets us with a love we did not create.

This is the good news: grace comes first.

Our hearts can be warmed by love, not fear.

Come, let us worship the God of grace.

We come to rest in love already given.

* HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 3, 4)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have tried to secure your love through effort, discipline, and control.

We have trusted our own faith more than your grace.

We have measured our worth by what we do,
and judged others by what they fail to do.

Like Wesley, we have known the anxiety of not being enough—
afraid our faith is too weak, our hearts too uncertain.

Forgive us for striving where you have already given.

Forgive us for doubting what you have already declared.

Warm our hearts again with the truth of your grace:

that we are loved before we succeed,
claimed before we believe perfectly, held even in our uncertainty.
Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* 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

Tove Trelstad-Larsen, Director of Student Ministries

Children are invited up to the chancel to hear a special message. After the message, PreK-5th Grade will stay in worship with their families. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

SOLO

Für Elise

Ludwig van Beethoven
Rose Rasmussen, pianist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

John Wesley:
From American Struggle to a Warmed Heart

Rev. Dr. Melanie Homan

SONG

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U2
House Band

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Grantham and Rev. Dr. Homan

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, holy, holy, Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 east transept. Please raise your hand if you'd like to be served at your pew. A gluten free station is available in the front, just indicate that you would like that option. 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

Ave Maria

Giulio Caccini, arr. Steven Mercurio
Caroline Alessi, Mezzo Soprano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. God speaks, and listening to that voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trio No. VI, Opus 49

Josef Rheinberger

*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.*

GUEST SPEAKER REV. DR MELANIE HOMAN

Rev. Dr. Melanie Homan is an ordained UMC pastor who has served local churches in the metro area over the past twenty years. She is now appointed to extension ministry at St. Catherine University, where she is an Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Occupational Therapy. Her interests include end-of-life care, healthy bereavement, and integrating spirituality into occupational therapy practice. She also collaborates with the non-profit *Rebuilding Together Minnesota* to provide home modification evaluations for older adults who want to age-in-place in their homes. She is a member of Hamline Church, along with her husband, Brennon Schaefer, and children Rylee and Dylan. Rylee is going to be a senior and Dylan is going to be a sophomore at Highland Park High School. They both just returned yesterday from the youth mission trip to South Dakota!

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN	10:00AM	WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
	11:15AM	ISAIAH ELECTION DEFENSE MEETING Room 7
TUES	6:30PM	DINING HALL TEAM MEETING Dining Hall
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	6:00PM	HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
SAT	9:00AM	DINING HALL CLEAN UP Dining Hall
NEXT	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
SUN	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (<i>above</i>)
	10:00AM	WORSHIP: MISSION TRIP RECAP
	10:15AM	SUMMER IN SPROUT GARDEN
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
	11:15AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7

SMALL GROUPS: SUMMER CREATION CARE EDITION

Wednesday evenings, Aug 12 & 26, 5:30pm-7:00pm
Interested in creation care? Join us on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings for a potluck, small group & kids activities! Search hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central to sign up or contact Pastor Heather or Stephanie Engebrecht for more information (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org) (stephybrecht@gmail.com).

SCHOOL TOOLS

Now - August 18
Hamline Church is once again partnering with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul to help provide school supplies for students whose families need extra support as they prepare for the new school year. Collection bins will be located in the Narthex, Community Room, and Commons. Donations of new school supplies and backpacks are greatly appreciated. Suggested supply lists will be available on the tables during Coffee Hour after worship. Contact Shirley Wright if you have further questions (sjwright41@etmeli.us).

DINING HALL SIGN-UPS ARE LIVE!

Sundays at 11:00am, Community Room
The Hamline Church Dining Hall is back for our 129th season at the MN State Fair. Interested in volunteering with us? Stop by the sign up table in the Community Room after worship on Sundays or sign up online at hamlinechurch.org/dining-hall.

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KIDS TODAY

Children PreK- 5th Grade will remain in worship to celebrate Holy Communion with their families.

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, 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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