

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Choose Life

so that you and your descendants may live
Deuteronomy 30:20



LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

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

Jesus, Thou My Dearest Life

Johann Sebastian Bach
Eileen Miller, Pianist

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nyleve Hanf-Campbell

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain
or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up
until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public
acts and everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025.)

* 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.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call all to this table.
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, turned from love, and sought immediate satisfaction instead of healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish or mean, and closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are too broken to move, unable to stop the hurt, or too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us courage, strength, and hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of God who knows us better than we know ourselves and who loves us more deeply than we may fully understand, you are forgiven. **And you are forgiven. 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 in a way thatn is 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 to celebrate Holy Communion with their families. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Choose Life

Rev. Kevin Schill

SONG

Ring The Bells

JOHNNYSWIM, Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors
House Band

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Heather Grantham & Rev. Kevin Schill

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord 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

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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

...We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 three
stations on the lawn. Please raise your hand if you'd like to be served at your seat. A gluten
free station is available in the front, just indicate that you would like that option.*

You're invited to give your weekly offering in the offering plates or online.

COMMUNION MUSIC & SILENT PRAYER

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Dr. David Kozisek
Director of Music & Worship*

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** HYMN** Walk in the Light (*Jesus, the Light of the World*)

Refrain:

**Walk in the light, beautiful light;
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**2. He's the lamp that lights our way,
Jesus, the Light of the World!
Step by step and day by day
Jesus, the Light of the World. (refrain)**

**1. See the bright and Morning Star,
Jesus, the Light of the World!
He has risen in our hearts,
Jesus, the Light of the World! (refrain)**

* SENDING FORTH

SENDING MUSIC

GUEST SPEAKER REV. KEVIN SCHILL

Rev. Kevin Schill is a retired United Methodist pastor. He and his wife, Kathy, have been active and beloved members of the Hamline Church community for many years.

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN	10:00AM	OUTDOOR WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
	11:15AM	STORY COLLECTING FOR MN TRUTH TELLING Chapel
TUES	10:30AM	RESOURCE FAIR AT HAMLINE UNIVERSITY
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jliddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	4:30PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	5:00PM	BOUNCE! - BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
	6:00PM	HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
NEXT SUN	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above)
	10:00AM	RALLY SUNDAY PT.1 WORSHIP
	10:15AM	SACRED STUDIO
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
	11:15AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:30AM	STORY COLLECTING FOR MN TRUTH TELLING Chapel
		YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF Youth Room
	1:00PM	YOUTH COUNCIL (11TH & 12TH)

BOUNCE! | BACK TO SCHOL BASH

September 9 from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Front lawn
NEON & Hamline Church are teaming up for a Back to School Bash for our Hamline University students with boucy houses, food and fun! Sign up to help us run the event here: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central
Follow @neontogether on instagram & learn more about NEON on their website neontogether.org.

FINAL DAYS - HAMLINE CHURCH DINING HALL

Sundays at 11:00am, Community Room
Sign up to help us make our 129th year the best so far!
Sign up online at hamlinechurch.org/dining-hall.

September 13, Rally Sunday Pt.1: Backpack blessing
BRING BACKPACKS!, Kindergarten Milestone, Sacred Studio Kick-Off, Youth Group Kick Off + **NEW!** Youth Council
September 20, Rally Sunday Pt. 2: Music & Arts Kick-Off

featuring local bluegrass band Monroe Crossing both in worship and at the outdoor festivities afterward.

- Fun kids' activities + Inflatables + Face painting
- Brick Oven Pizza!

September 27: Commissioning of Confirmands & Confirmation Kick-Off

Register your child 0-12th Grade for the next year:
hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

CONNECT WITH US

Sign up for our weekly newsletter: bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter



KIDS TODAY

Children PreK- 5th Grade will stay 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?

Kids 5 and under are welcome in the nursery, located in Room 8 in the upstairs 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:

- **In-Person:** Place offerings in the baskets after worship.
- **Online:** hamlinechurch.org/give (scan the QR code!)
- **By Mail:** Mail checks to the church using the address below.
- **By Text:**
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



HAMLINE CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

1514 Englewood Avenue | Saint Paul, MN 55104

All are welcome | hamlinechurch.org | 651.645.0667

