

BOTH/AND

In a world of either/or, we have a both/and faith

**FAITH & DOUBT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**



LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

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PRELUDE

Prelude

Jean Langlais
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

CHORAL INTROIT

I Want to Be Ready

Spiritual
Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, friends—returning from summer, joining us for the first time, coming with energy or exhaustion.

We come as we are, and God receives us.

Bring your hopes and hurts, your questions and convictions.

In a world that demands either/or, Christ gathers us in the holy middle.

Here there is room for faith and doubt, grief and gratitude, courage and vulnerability.

Come. Let us begin again, together.

We come to worship the God who holds us in love.

* HYMN 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we often silence our own souls.

We rush past our grief, hide our anger,
and pretend a certainty we do not truly feel.

We have believed that real faith never questions
and that you are far away when we cannot sense your presence.

Forgive us for the ways we have been dishonest with you,
with ourselves, and with one another. Teach us to pray with the psalmist—
to bring our whole hearts, joy and sorrow, trust and doubt,
into your steadfast love. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* 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 head out to the first day of Sacred Studio! Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE: Freddie, Jude, Reuben, and Rhodes

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SONG Nearer, My God, To Thee Lowell Mason, arr. Samuel Stokes
Handbell Choir
Directed by Dr. David Kozisek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Rev. Grantham*

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 13 *(CEB)*

How long will you forget me, Lord? Forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long will I be left to my own wits,
agony filling my heart? Daily?
How long will my enemy keep defeating me?
Look at me!
Answer me, Lord my God!
Restore sight to my eyes!
Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I won!"
My foes will rejoice over my downfall.
But I have trusted in your faithful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
Yes, I will sing to the Lord
because he has been good to me.

Mark 9:24b *(NRSV)*

I believe; help my unbelief!

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

ANTHEM I Believe, Help My Unbelief Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

MESSAGE Faith & Doubt *Rev. Tollgaard*

ANTHEM New Redemption Song Over The Rhine
House Band

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN 2212 My Life Flows On *(How Can I Keep from Singing)*

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Pasticcio Jean Langlais

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.

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RALLY SUNDAY PT. 1

Thanks for joining us for our Rally Sunday part 1! After worship at 11:30am, we will have our Youth Group Kick-Off Party in the Youth Room and our new Youth Council meeting for 10th-12th Graders at 1:00pm!

SACRED STUDIO KICK-OFF!

Sundays at 10:15am, starts Today
Sacred Studio is our spiritual formation time for children, Prek-5th Grade during the school year. On Sundays, (except for 1st Sundays) after the children's moment in worship, children explore a bible story through art, music, and games. This time is focused on making space for children to know God's love!

Godly Play PreK-1st Graders, Room 10
Explore Bible stories by building a practice of listening, wondering, and responding through art with this Montessori-based curriculum.

Mini Revolutions 2nd & 3rd Graders, Room 7
Explore Bible stories through discussion, connections to the world, activities, and mini spiritual practices.

4th & 5th Grade Youth Room
This group will sit together in the worship service along with adult leaders, then gather after the sermon to connect and reflect on worship together.

Frolic Room Childcare 5 and under
Room 8 beginning at 9:45am
Childcare is available during worship with our amazing childcare specialists. This is a time for free play, stories, and building connections with church friends!

RALLY SUNDAY PT.2

Next Sunday, September 20 at 10:00am
Music & Arts Series 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 Bagels!

Register your children birth-12th Grade for spiritual formation this year:
hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

FALL 2026 BOOKLET

Check out our Fall Connection Guide for everything you need to get connected at Hamline Church this season! Inside, you'll find small groups, events, ways to serve, and more! Pick up a copy on your way our or see it online at hamlinechurch.org/upcoming.

WELCOME, HAMLINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!
Happy first week of classes! We're so glad you're here. Whether you're looking for community, a place to ask questions, a helping hand, or simply a space to breathe and be yourself, Hamline Church is here for you. We'd love to get to know you and support you during your time at Hamline.

Want to connect? Text Pastor Heather at 612.440.5809
Check out hamlinechurch.org/hamline-university-students for more info!

NEON AT HAMLINE CHURCH
Hamline Church is partnering with Wesley Center's NEON, a student group committed to social justice for people & the planet and spirituality shaped by Jesus & joy.

NEON NIGHT @ UMN
Carpool Thursdays at 5:30pm from Hamline Church to University of MN
Every week, we gather for a free meal, a powerful message from LGBTQ+ and BIPOC speakers, and moments together in community.

CONNECT WITH US
Sign up for our weekly newsletter: bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter
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THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

Children PreK- 5th Grade will head out to the first day of Sacred Studio with staff & volunteers after the children's message.

Pick up your kids after worship:

- Prek-1st Grade in Room 10
- 2nd & 3rd Grade in Room 7
- 4th & 5th Grade in Youth Room after 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?

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.

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
	1:00PM	YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF Youth Room
		YOUTH COUNCIL (10th & 12th)
MON	11:30AM	BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP Room 7
	7:00PM	TAIZÉ WORSHIP Sanctuary
	7:30PM	SACRED RECKONINGS Zoom
TUES	6:30PM	SMALL GROUP: EXPLORING THE POWER OF OUR OWN STORIES Room 7
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message
		Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
		WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION
	4:30PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	5:30PM	DINNER Community Room
	6:00PM	BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP Room 7
		SING SAY DANCE PLAY
		HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	10:00AM	DISABILITY PRIDE Capitol Mall
	2:00PM	BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP
	5:30PM	NEON NIGHT Parking lot
	7:30PM	RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP
SAT	9:30AM	HAMLINE WOMEN'S FALL MARKET
NEXT	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
SUN	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above)
	10:00AM	RALLY SUNDAY PT.2 WORSHIP
	10:15AM	SACRED STUDIO
	11:15AM	RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Front Lawn
		STORY COLLECTING FOR MN TRUTH TELLING Chapel
	4:30PM	FICTION & FELLOWSHIP Parlor

SMALL GROUPS ARE STARTING!

We invite you join us this fall for a small group that dives deeper into our new new sermon series Both/And!

Group Options:

Mondays @ 11:30-12:45pm | Rm 7 | Pastor Heather
 Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:15pm | Rm 7 with free childcare
 Barb Deming and Tove Trelstad-Larsen
 Thursdays @ 2:00-3:30pm | Private Home in Roseville,
 Anita & Terry Turner and Jennie Theisen
 Thursdays @ 6:00pm -7:15pm Parlor | Paul Klinger

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

1st Mondays at 7:00pm, starts Sept 14 - May 2026
 A contemplative candlelight service with simple songs, scripture, silence, and meditation. Contact Paul Klinger with interest in singing! (paul.d.klinger@gmail.com).

EXPLORING THE POWER OF OUR OWN STORIES

Tuesdays, Sept 15, 22, 29 from 6:30-8:00pm, Room 7
 Book: *Stories to Heal and Shape Our Lives* by Kaitlin B. Curtice
Small Group: Join our Story Collectors in exploring the power of stories and their role in creating a truthful public record of Operation Metro Surge. Copies of the book are provided.

Share Your Story: On Sundays after worship, visit the Chapel to talk with a Story Collector about your experience of Operation Metro Surge. Contact JoEllen (joellen.ambrose@gmail.com).

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



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