

BOTH/AND

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

VULNERABILITY & COURAGE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



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GATHERING MUSIC

Monroe Crossing

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Hagge

Come, all who are weary from pretending to be strong.

We come to the God whose grace is enough.

Come, all who carry hidden wounds and visible burdens.

We come trusting that weakness is not the end of the story.

Come, for Christ meets us not in perfection but in truth.

We come to worship with courage and open hearts.

* HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

God of compassion, we confess that we often hide behind performance, competence, and emotional armor. We fear being seen as weak, so we close ourselves to truth, tenderness, and help. Forgive us for trusting self-protection more than grace. Free us to receive your strength in the places where we most need it. 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 that 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 Sacred Studio with our staff & volunteers. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

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.

SONG

Softly & Tenderly

Monroe Crossing

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (CEB)

I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited.

I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

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

MESSAGE

Vulnerability & Courage

Rev. Tollgaard

ANTHEM

Micah 6:8

Mark Anderson & Lisa Fuglie
Choral arrangement by Carol Barnett
Chancel Choir with Monroe Crossing

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

I'll Fly Away

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Marching to Zion

Arr. Gordon Young
Eileen Miller, Organist

You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Join us outside on the front lawn for Rally Sunday festivities!

Thank you to our guest musicians Monroe Crossing!

Monroe Crossing brings an electrifying blend of traditional and original bluegrass, along with unexpected songs that reach beyond the genre. Members of the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, the group has entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, and Europe for more than 25 years. With more than 2,600 performances, 17 albums, and a reputation for exceptional musicianship and on-stage rapport, Monroe Crossing delights both longtime bluegrass fans and newcomers alike. Learn more at monroecrossing.com

FALL AT HAMLINE CHURCH

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please join us outside after worship for more live music from Monroe Crossing, refreshments and bagels from our Brick Oven, fun kids activities, and more as we celebrate the start of our program year at Hamline Church.



MUSIC & ARTS SERIES AT HAMLINE CHURCH

Music by Monroe Crossing today is in partnership with our M&A Series! M&A presents exceptional performances across a range of genres to enrich the Hamline Midway neighborhood community. Support the series by attending, purchasing a Season Pass, volunteering, or making a financial contribution. See our lineup online at hamlinechurch.org/music-arts-series or stop by our table on the front lawn after worship to learn more!

NEWCOMER MEET & GREET

Sunday, October 4 after worship at 11:15am, Green Room
After worship, newcomers and visitors are invited to a meet-and-greet with our Pastors!

WELCOME HAMLINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

Happy fall semester! 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 the Wesley Foundation's NEON, a student group committed to social justice for people & the planet and spirituality shaped by Jesus & joy.
- **NEON NIGHT @ U OF M**
Carpool Thursdays at 5:30pm from Hamline Church to the University of Minnesota
Every week, we gather for a free meal, a powerful message from LGBTQ+ and BIPOC speakers, and moments together in community.
Volunteers needed to drive students:
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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Register your children birth-12th Grade for spiritual formation this year:

hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

SACRED STUDIO

Sundays at 10:15am

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 sits together in the worship service along with adult leaders, then gathers 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 play, stories, and building connections with church friends!

SMALL GROUPS - SIGN UP TODAY!

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

Group Options:

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

Sign up: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

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.

SUN	10:00AM	BLUEGRASS WORSHIP
	10:15AM	SACRED STUDIO
	11:00AM	RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION Front Lawn
	11:15AM	STORY COLLECTING FOR MN TRUTH TELLING Chapel
	4:30PM	FICTION & FELLOWSHIP Parlor
MON	11:30AM	BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP Room 7
TUES	6:30PM	SMALL GROUP: EXPLORING THE POWER OF OUR OWN STORIES Room 7
	7:00PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Zoom
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
	5:00PM	HU GARDEN CLUB
	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	8:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Roseville Perkins
	2:00PM	BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP Turner's Home
	5:30PM	NEON NIGHT Parking lot
	6:00PM	M&A: FULL OF MYSELF - BOOK TOUR
		BOTH/AND SMALL GROUP Parlor
NEXT	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
SUN	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (<i>above</i>)
	10:00AM	WORSHIP
	10:15AM	SACRED STUDIO
	11:15AM	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Green Room
		STORY COLLECTING FOR MN TRUTH TELLING Chapel
	11:30AM	CONFIRMATION Youth Room

MUSIC & ARTS SERIES PRESENTS: FULL OF MYSELF

This Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm, Community Room
Austin Channing Brown, bestselling author and speaker whose work explores racial justice, Black dignity, and Black womanhood and Christina Cleveland, an award-winning author and scholar whose work centers Black liberation, sacred Black femininity, and embodied justice lead an evening of reflection, conversation and celebration. Signed books are available for purchase. Free. Learn more at bit.ly/FullofMyselfHamline

EXPLORING THE POWER OF OUR OWN STORIES

- **Small Group:** Tuesday, Sept 22 from 6:30-8:00pm, Room 7
Join our Story Collectors in exploring the power of stories with book *Stories to Heal and Shape Our Lives* by Kaitlin B. Curtice. Copies are provided.
- **Community Dialogue Event:**
Tuesday, September 29 from 6:30-8:00pm
We will meet to discuss Operation Metro Surge & how our community responded & ways forward. Moderated by Hamline Story Collectors and Advocates for Human Rights as part of the Minnesota Truth Council's documentation process. Sign up to let us know you're coming:
hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central
- **Share Your Story:** Sundays after worship, Chapel.
Talk with a Story Collector about your experience of Operation Metro Surge & Operation PARRIS. Contact JoEllen (joellen.ambrose@gmail.com).

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



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