

PRAYBILL

HAMLIN CHURCH

GOD ON BROADWAY



GODSPELL

Sunday, August 24, 2025



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GOD ON BROADWAY: GODSPELL

Music and lyrics by: Stephen Schwartz

Godspell illustrates the teachings of Jesus and his journey to crucifixion. Unlike many tellings of this story, Godspell focuses very heavily on Jesus' parables and his impact on the people around him, emphasizing the growth of a grassroots community of imperfect individuals.

PRELUDE

All Good Gifts

Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennie Theisen

Gather, friends, like cast members awaiting the overture! Step onto the stage of this new day, where each of us is invited to play a vital part in the story God is still composing.

We arrive as pilgrims and poets, dreamers and dancers, ready to create a beautiful city—one note, one smile, one act of love at a time.

Hear the music rising—echoes of Godspell's joyful spirit! Let us set aside our burdens, loosen our voices, and let the rhythm of grace guide our feet.

May we open our hearts with childlike wonder, ready to clap, sing, and build bridges of kindness in unexpected places.

Just as the disciples spun parables and laughter under open skies, let's embrace the playfulness of faith: telling the old truths in new ways, making every moment a scene of welcome and delight.

Shape us, Creator, into a chorus of compassion—harmonizing in hope, connected in love, shining with your light.

Let us worship not only with words, but with laughter, art, service, and song. As the bells ring and melodies soar, may we reveal to one another the face of Christ—creative, courageous, and unafraid.

Amen!

* SUNG INTROIT

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 10-17 (CEB)

Jesus' disciples came and said to him, "Why do you use parables when you speak to the crowds?"

Jesus replied, "Because they haven't received the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but you have. For those who have will receive more and they will have more than enough. But as for those who don't have, even the little they have will be taken away from them. This is why I speak to the crowds in parables: although they see, they don't really see; and although they hear, they don't really hear or understand. What Isaiah prophesied has become completely true for them:

You will hear, to be sure, but never understand;
and you will certainly see but never recognize what you are seeing.
For this people's senses have become calloused,
and they've become hard of hearing,
and they've shut their eyes
so that they won't see with their eyes
or hear with their ears
or understand with their minds,
and change their hearts and lives that I may heal them.

"Happy are your eyes because they see. Happy are your ears because they hear. I assure you that many prophets and righteous people wanted to see what you see and hear what you hear, but they didn't.

The word of God for the people of God.

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Thanks be to God.

SCENE 1 Parable of the Sower (*based on Matthew 13:1-23*)

*** HYMN** Day by Day

**Day by day, day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.**

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship*

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 *Rev. Heather Grantham and Lynn Mullin*

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children PreK - 5th Grade can join staff and volunteers outside in SPROUT Garden to hear a story and work in the garden. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.

SCENE 2 Sheep and Goats (*based Matthew 25:31-46*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Sharon Fields, Associate Minister 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.

SONG By My Side

MESSAGE *Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard*

SONG Save the People

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SONG** You are the Light of the World

(Chorus) **So let your light so shine on all.
Let your light so shine.
So that they might know some kindness again.
We all need help to feel fine.**

*** SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE Day By Day

*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.*

PERFORMERS

Heather Grantham, Miriam Friesen, Micah Erickson, Brandon Galbraith, Marcia Brinkley, Paul Wilcox, Jennie Theisen, Stephanie Engebrecht, and members of the Chancel Choir and House Band. Directed by Dr. David Kozisek and Lynn Mullin.

THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH

THUR NOW - SEPT 1 | HAMLIN CHURCH DINING HALL

SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP - GOD ON BROADWAY: GODSPELL

10:15AM | SUMMER IN SPROUT GARDEN 🌱

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR Community Room

11:00AM | AFTER-CHURCH SUMMER FUN Playground 🛋️

MON 6:00PM | SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP MEETING
Youth Room

TUES 7:00PM | CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Zoom

WED 12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER via text message
4:00PM | HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00PM | HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL

5:30PM | SUMMER FUN KIDS & ADULT SMALL GROUP
Potluck at 5:30pm, Groups at 6:00pm

NEXT SUN 8:55AM-9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER Chapel

9:00AM | FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP Parlor

9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER via text message

10:00AM | WORSHIP

10:15AM | SUMMER IN SPROUT GARDEN 🌱

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR Community Room

11:30AM | UMW 5TH SUNDAY MEETING

DINING HALL SIGN-UPS ARE LIVE!

Dining hall has begun!

The Hamline Church Dining Hall is back for our 128th season at the MN State Fair. Interested in volunteering with us? Stop by the sign up table in the Community Room (downstairs) after worship! Or sign up online here: bit.ly/HCDiningHall25

SCHOOL TOOLS COLLECTION

Ends TODAY, August 24

Collection bins are available in the narthex, commons, and community rooms. We are collecting school supplies for our community. Lists of desired supplies are available at coffee hour or donate online here (bit.ly/HamlineChurchGive) under School Tools. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Shirley Wright with questions (sjwright41@etmeli.us).

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WELCOME TO HAMLIN

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshipping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence, we greet you with joy. Your presence enriches this time of celebration. May all experience God as we worship.



KIDS TODAY

Children PreK- 5th Grade can join staff and volunteers outside in SPROUT Garden after the message to hear a story and work in the garden. Or kids may stay in service for God on Broadway. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic.

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.

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!

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