



the good news is...

so good, it catches
us by surprise

Sunday, February 22, 2026



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PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Johann Christian Rinck
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kenneth Sahr Mommoh

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert,
water turned into wine,
love after loss,
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive,
hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing,
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

* HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sharon Fields, Associate Pastor of Executive Operations

Loving God,
somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful,
we have to be serious.
We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.
We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.
We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.
But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed.
You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.
And all of a sudden, we wonder:
Can we be like that mustard seed?
Can we be faithful and unruly?
Can we be playful and curious?
Can we be messy and still be yours?
We know the answer already.
The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course.
Forgive our doubt.
Pull us closer into your embrace.
With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.
Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

...This is the good news of the gospel.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Share a sign of peace with your neighbors by greeting them in the way most comfortable for you.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Tove Trelstad-Larsen, Director of Student Ministries

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children in Prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio. 4th & 5th graders sit together in worship then gather in Youth Room after the sermon. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands

Julie Knowles
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from

(though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Good News is... So Good it Catches Us by Surprise *Rev. Tollgaard*

SONG Love is a Wild Thing Kacey Musgraves
House Band

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** HYMN** We Reclaim the Name of Jesus Tune: Holy Manna
Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. We reclaim the name of Jesus; we announce the grace he brought.
We believe his love redeems us; we reclaim the things he taught.
We know each one bears God’s image; racist words and deeds are sin.
We commit to spread the message: God is love and love will win.

2. We reclaim the name of Jesus; we’re Christ’s body here on earth.
We resist when some would lead us to devalue women’s worth.
We see how Christ loved the stranger, tore down barriers, opened doors.
We will welcome those in danger; we will love and serve the poor.

3. We reclaim the name of Jesus and we trust the truth he brings.
We renounce what some now tell us — that their lies are normal things.
We reject the push toward power; we support democracy.
We seek ways to work together for a just society.

4. We reclaim the name of Jesus; he brought love to all the earth.
We protest when people tell us that our country should come first.
We are in a time of crisis, so Christ’s church must call out sin.
We stand firm for we believe this: God is love and love will win.

*** SENDING FORTH**

*** SUNG BENEDICTION** Be Rooted in Hope Paul Vasile

Repeat after the leader

**Be rooted in hope,
Be tended with grace,
Nourished by light
From God’s loving face.**

**Bear fruit that will last,
And let your lives be
A sign of the peace
That can heal and set free.**

POSTLUDE Andante from the Fifth Symphony Ludwig van Beethoven

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN	10:00AM 11:00AM	WORSHIP - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT COFFEE HOUR Community Room CRAFT TIME WITH ASPEN Activity Room YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10 KID'S CHOIR REHEARSAL Sanctuary ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:15AM 11:30AM	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Green Room CONFIRMATION Youth Room BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Parlor
MON	6:30PM	GENTLE YOGA Parlor
TUES	7:00PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Zoom
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM 4:00PM 5:15PM 5:30PM 5:45PM 6:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL HANDBELL RINGING SEMINAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION - DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIO (<i>infant-5th grade</i>) LENTEN SMALL GROUP SING, SAY, DANCE, AND PLAY (<i>K-5th grade</i>) HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	8:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Roseville Perkins
NEXT	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
SUN	9:00AM 9:15AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor CENTERING PRAYER via text message (<i>above</i>) LENTEN WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR Community Room NEWCOMER MEET AND GREET Green Room YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10 ISAIAH MEETING Room 7 YOUTH GROUP Youth Room BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Green Room
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LENT 2026
TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD:
GROUNDING OURSELVES IN THE GOOD NEWS

This Lent, we return to the heart of Jesus' life and teachings—love, mercy, justice, and grace. Rooted in the meaning of radical as “returning to our roots,” this series invites us to rediscover the good news as something alive and life-giving. In a world heavy with bad news, we ask how we might become people who live and share what is truly good.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS
Join us this Lenten season to gather, grow and connect with each other. Sign up for Lenten small groups beginning this week! Sign up and more at: hamlinechurch.org/lent.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
Lenten devotionals are available to take home in the Narthex, Commons or view the digital copy by emailing Isabel Bialka (ibialka@hamlinechurch.org).

GENTLE YOGA
This Monday, February 23 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parlor Move, breathe and help calm your nervous system. Appropriate for all levels, chair options available. I have a few extra yoga mats. Questions? Email Stephanie (stephh518@icloud.com). No cost, food shelf donations will be accepted.

NEWCOMER MEET & GREET
Sunday, March 1st after worship in the Green Room Curious to learn more about life at Hamline Church? Join us next Sunday for our Newcomer Meet & Greet! Come meet our pastors and members, enjoy coffee and treats, and discover what makes our community special. We'd love to get to know you! Contact the church office with questions (humc@hamlinechurch.org)



KIDS TODAY

Children in prek-5th grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio after the children's moment. Please pick your child up at the end of worship: *Pre-K & K Room 10; 1st & 2nd Room 7; 3rd Parlor; 4th & 5th Youth Room.*

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

On Wednesdays, all are welcome to join us for dinner, kids music, and small groups. Go to hamlinechurch.org/wednesday-connection for more information.

SING, SAY, DANCE, AND PLAY

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
K-5th graders make on Wednesdays! Children will warm up their bodies, voices, and spirits with fun activities while learning new songs and musical skills. Contact Emily Wilcox Freeburg (erwilcox@gmail.com) with questions!

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!
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