



the good news is...

protection & care for the vulnerable

Sunday, March 15, 2026



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PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu

Helmut Walcha
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Becky Boland

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

* HYMN 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings,
we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

May this good news change our lives!
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

Sharon Fields, Associate Pastor 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

God Help The Outcasts (*Hunchback of Notre Dame*) Stephen Schwartz & Alan Menken
Shiprah Dutta, vocalist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:13-15

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (CEB)

Don’t obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don’t take a widow’s coat as pledge for a loan. Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the Lord your God saved you from that. That’s why I’m commanding you to do this thing.

Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don’t go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the Lord your God blesses you in all that you do. Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don’t go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don’t pick them over twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That’s why I am commanding you to do this thing.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Good News Is... Protection and Care for the Vulnerable

Rev. Tollgaard

ANTHEM

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir, Directed by Dr. David Kozisek

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** HYMN**

Down By The Riverside

1. I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, (3x)
I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside and study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more. (6x)

2. I'm gonna join hands with everyone
Down by the riverside (3x)
I'm gonna join hands with everyone
Down by the riverside and study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more. (6x)

3. We're gonna make it safe for everyone
Down by the riverside (3x)
We're gonna make it safe for everyone
Down by the riverside and study war no more.
We ain't gonna study war no more. (6x)

*** 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

Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms

*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.*

MARCH IS MN FOODSHARE MONTH



Donate Now!

Hamline Church is collecting food for Keystone Community Services, in our baskets in the Commons. Financial contributions allow the foodshelf to purchase in bulk. You can give online at [hamlinechurch.org/give](https://www.hamlinechurch.org/give) and select MN FoodShare from the drop down menu or put your contribution in the offering boxes and note MN FoodShare. Contact the church office with questions (humc@hamlinechurch.org).

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

Children in Prek-3rd 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!

SUN	10:00AM	LENTEN WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
	11:15AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP Youth Room
		THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP Green Room
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jliddvm@usfamily.net)
	1:00PM	MAHJONG Room 7
	2:30PM	WEDNESDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: ATYPICAL LENT
	4:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	5:30PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION - DINNER
	5:45PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIO (<i>infant-5th grade</i>)
	6:00PM	LENT SMALL GROUP SING, SAY, DANCE, AND PLAY (<i>K-5th grade</i>) HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	2:00PM	THURSDAY DAY SMALL GROUP Roseville Home
	6:00PM	THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP Parlor
NEXT SUN	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (<i>above</i>)
	10:00AM	LENTEN WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room
		YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
	11:15AM	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
	11:30AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7
	11:30AM	CONFIRMATION Youth Room
		THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP Green Room
	12:00PM	YOUTH/BREAD TEAM MAKE PRETZELS



HOLY WEEK & EASTER PALM & PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am
The triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the trial of Jesus in one, vibrant service. Gather outside the sanctuary to process in with palms. Pretzels from the brick oven after worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm Dinner; 7:00pm worship
A potluck meal and intergenerational worship remembering the last supper and institution of Communion, then walk with Jesus to crucifixion and death through the service of Tenebrae. Sign up to bring a dish to share or/and to help with set up or clean up: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm
Experience a simple, candlelit Taizé service of song, silence, and prayer around the cross as we gently contemplate Christ's suffering love and abiding presence.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5 at 10:00am
Our joy-filled Easter Celebration includes the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Handbells and a Brass Quintet. Join us after worship for an Easter egg scavenger hunt on the front lawn and delicious treats including hot cross buns from the brick oven!

Learn more at hamlinechurch.org/holy-week.

HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER

Orders Due: Next Monday, March 23
Help us create a beautiful worship space on Easter Sunday by purchasing a flower to honor or remember a loved one. Please fill out our online form at bit.ly/HamlineEasterFlowers26 or complete a form in the Church Office. Once completed, you will be redirected to hamlinechurch.org/give to make a payment. You may then take home your flower after worship. Contact the church office with questions (humc@hamlinechurch.org).

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten devotionals are available to take home in the Narthex and Commons.

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!

Questions? Please visit hamlinechurch.org/give



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