



the good news is...

rooted in justice, mercy,
& faithfulness

Sunday, March 22, 2026



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PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu

Helmut Walcha
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard, Senior Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Douglas Gardner

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

* HYMN 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. **There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

2. **But we make God's love too narrow
By false limits of our own.
And we magnify God's strictness
With a zeal God will not own.**

3. **For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

4. **If our love were but more simple,
We should rest upon God's word;
And our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Join me in this act of transformation. Let us pray:

**Holy God,
we love to live our lives by the rules.
We love clear answers.
We love right and wrong.
We love swift justice.
We love to pick up stones,
but you show us another way.
You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.
You prioritize mercy over legality.
You prioritize people over tradition.
You prioritize love over everything.
Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.
Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you.
Forgive us. Soften our hearts.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.
With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.**

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*** 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. Pick up children Pre K- 4th in the Sanctuary today after music!

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

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 Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant (1530-80)
Chancel Choir, Directed by Dr. David Kozisek

SCRIPTURE

John 8:2-11

Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Good News Is... Rooted In Justice, Mercy, And Faithfulness *Rev. Tollgaard*

SONG A Beautiful Noise Alicia Keys, Brandi Carlile
House Band

*** OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*** HYMN 378** Amazing Grace (v. 1-4, 6)

1. **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was bound, but now I'm free.**

2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

4. **The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

6. **When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

*** 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 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. 4th & 5th graders after the sermon head to the Youth Room. Pre K-4th grade in the Sanctuary after worship for music!

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.

ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

Orders Due: Tomorrow, Monday, March 23
Purchase a flower to honor or remember a loved one on Easter Sunday. Go to bit.ly/HamlineEasterFlowers26 or complete a form in the church office, then, make a payment at hamlinechurch.org/give. Remember to take home your flower after worship. Contact the church office with questions (humc@hamlinechurch.org).

SUN	10:00AM 11:00AM	LENTEN WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR Community Room CHILDREN'S MUSIC REHEARSAL Sanctuary YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
	11:15AM	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
	11:30AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7 CONFIRMATION Youth Room
	12:00PM	THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP Green Room YOUTH/BREAD TEAM MAKE PRETZELS
TUES	7:00PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Zoom
WED	12:30PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jiddvm@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 (infant-5th grade)
	6:00PM	LENT SMALL GROUP SING, SAY, DANCE, AND PLAY (K-5th grade) HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
	7:00PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THUR	8:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST Roseville Perkins
	2:00PM	THURSDAY SMALL GROUP Roseville Home
	5:30PM	MAHLE LECTURE KFR in Klas Center
	6:00PM	THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP Parlor
NEXT SUN	8:55AM 9:00AM 9:15AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above) PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR WITH PRETZELS Community Room CHILDREN'S MUSIC REHEARSAL Sanctuary YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 10
	11:15AM 11:30AM	ISAIAH MEETING Room 7 YOUTH MEETING
	2:00PM 4:00PM 5:30PM	THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP Green Room PALM SUNDAY MARCH MUSIC & ARTS: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS & WELCOME MEAL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER | hamlinechurch.org/holy-week.

PALM & PASSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 29 at 10:00am

For those able, we will begin outside the Sanctuary on Englewood Ave to process in with palms. Pretzels from the brick oven after worship.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH

Next Sunday, March 29 at 1:30pm Meeting site (tbd)

2:00pm Dale & University to process to the Capitol

2:30pm Program & Worship, Register at palmsunday2026.com

Email Melanie McCully for more information

(asm.melanie24@gmail.com).

MUSIC & ARTS: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Next Sunday, March 29 at 4:00pm

Featuring organist Stephen Hamilton, dancer Penelope Freeh, and Michael Barone as the narrator. *Freewill donation.*

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS AND WELCOME MEAL

Next Sunday, March 29, 5:30pm-7:00pm

A relaxed, all-ages gathering to connect and learn about membership at Hamline Church. RSVP to Pastor Heather (hrgantham@hamlinechurch.org).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Worship

Potluck and worship as we remember the Last Supper and journey through Tenebrae to the cross. Sign up to bring a dish or help with setup/cleanup: hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm

Experience a simple, candlelit Taizé service of song, silence, and prayer. Join us 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, House Band, Handbells and a Brass Quintet. Join us after worship for an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn!

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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