



everything
[in] between
intention & action

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm



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Please fill out a connection card online by scanning the QR code to the left & you will be directed to the sign-in page or by going to: hamlinechurch.org/here

GATHERING MUSIC

Le Petit Berger
Gabriel's Oboe

*Gayle Wilcox, flute
Claude Debussy
Ennio Morricone*

GREETING

Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Bless our God who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures forever.

WORDS ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcia Brinkley

If you have days when you feel a little bit lost and a little bit found,
then you are in the right place.
If you have days when you are desperate for rest and eager to grow,
then you are in the right place.
If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts and silence,
then you are in the right place.
God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.
So may we bring our full selves into this service and into this season.
With God's help, may it be so.
Let us worship our all-loving God.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham

Join me in receiving mercy. Let us pray:

Jesus said, "Follow me."

And I said, let me get ready.

Jesus said, "follow me."

And I said, just one minute!

Jesus said, "Follow me."

And I said, I'll be there soon!

The invitation is simple, but the work is hard.

Jesus, forgive my delay.

I want to follow you.

Turn my intentions into actions.

Show me the way.

Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

"How will you go deeper? How will you follow Christ?"

Regardless of what that journey looks like for us,
regardless of what today, tomorrow, or the next day brings,
we are not alone.

We are seen and loved by God.

We are held in grace.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WORDS ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard

SONG

Little Blue

Jacob Collier
House Band

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

You are invited to come forward to kneel or stand at the communion rail to receive the ashes on your forehead or hand.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER & SILENT REFLECTION

You are invited to a time of prayer and meditation, a space in which to be with your thoughts, to reflect on the season, and where you are at now. The sanctuary is set with stations for prayer and reflection. Choose the station that you feel drawn to. In this time, you may go to all of them, or one, or sit quietly in continued reflection. We offer this time to simply be who you are in this space.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

May the peace of God be with you
and also with you.

ANTHEM

These Forty Days

Zollene Reissner
Chancel Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray.
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.
Kyrie eleison.

We may not know, we cannot tell
what pain you had to bear.
But in this holy season Lord,
We would your sorrow share.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, grant that in our penitence,
We may also bring our praise,
And through your sacrifice of love,
Receive your gift of grace.

Abide with us that when this life
Of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may celebrate at last!

And Lord have mercy upon us,
And grant us peace, O Lord.

* SENDING FORTH

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THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH

WED 5:45PM - 7:15PM | **CHILDCARE**

6:30PM | **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

7:30PM | **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

SUN **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR**

8:55AM-9:15AM | **CENTERING PRAYER**
Chapel

9:00AM | **FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP**
Parlor

9:15AM | **CENTERING PRAYER**
Via text message. Contact Julie Dahlke
(jldvm@usfamily.net).

10:00AM | **WORSHIP**

10:15AM | **SACRED STUDIO**

11:00AM | **COFFEE HOUR**
Community Room

11:00AM | **YOUTH UKULELE BAND**
Room 7

11:15AM | **BIBLE STUDY**
Green Room

11:30AM | **FOLK MUSIC JAM**
Parlor

11:30AM | **CONFIRMATION**
Youth Room

4:30PM | **FICTION AND FELLOWSHIP**
Youth Room

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN

This Lent, we invite you to join us for our worship series, Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes. Guided by the Gospel of Luke, we'll explore familiar stories like the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the Lost Sheep, and Zacchaeus, uncovering how Jesus' ministry disrupted social, political, and religious divides with radical love and inclusion. In a world often defined by polarities—faith and works, rest and growth, grief and hope—this series invites us to embrace the complexity of life and discover God's presence in the gray areas and everything in between. Come as you are, and journey with us as we seek a deeper faith that engages with life's nuances and transforms our hearts.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Starting Sunday March 9

Join us this Lenten season to gather, grow and connect with each other. Check out the links below to read about the offerings:

hamlinechurch.org/Lent_Small_Groups_25

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

During the Lenten series follow along with a devotional - copies available to take home in the office or view the digital copy here: bit.ly/2025Lent_Devotional

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WELCOME TO HAMLIN

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshiping 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

We invite children to stay in worship this evening. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic 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, in the Frolic room (8), or in 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 boxes after worship.
- Online giving: QR code or hamlinechurch.org/give
- 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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