



everything [in] between

stranger & neighbor

LENT 1, MARCH 9 2025



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PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Austin Lovelace
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Benjamin Harris

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

* HYMN 2220

We Are God's People (*v. 1, 2, & 4*)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Heather Grantham

Let us pray:

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations

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

POETRY AS PRAYER

Never Met a Stranger

When we talk about God, we say
she's never met a stranger.
She makes friends at the airport.
She waves to babies in the check-out line.
When we talk about God, we say
she'll leave the porch light on.
She'll have warm bread in the oven.
She'll have all the time in the world.
When we talk about God, we say
she'll look you in the eye.
She'll love you as you are.
She'll call you by your name.
When we talk about God,
we never have to talk about
which side of the road she might walk down.
Wherever you are,
that's where she'll be.

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

Kyrie (from Requiem op. 48)

*Gabriel Fauré
Chancel Choir*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum
in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.*

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine
on them,
A hymn becomes You, God, in
Zion,
and to you may be paid a vow
in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
to You all flesh shall come.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Stranger & Neighbor

*** HYMN**

I Saw a Stranger

[see insert](#)

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March is MN Foodshare month! Give food donations, baskets can be found in the commons, or support the cause financially by giving here: bit.ly/HamlineChurchGive Dropdown > MN Foodshare

ANTHEM

Restored (*inspired by Psalm 23:3*)

Sandra Eithun
Handbell Choir

*** SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Austin Lovelace

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee & refreshments.*

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN: LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Starting today Sunday, March 9

Join us to gather, grow and connect with each other in Lenten small groups.

Find more information 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 commons and narthex or view the digital copy here: bit.ly/2025Lent_Devotional

THIS WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

SUN

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
Green Room

MON

6:00PM | SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC SMALL GROUP
Green Room

TUES

9:30AM | COFFEE WITH HEATHER SMALL GROUP
Room 7

6:30PM | ZOOM READING GROUP SMALL GROUP

WED

12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER
Via text message. Contact Julie Dahlke
(jiddvm@usfamily.net).

1:00PM | MAHJONG GROUP
Parlor, Contact kayfrase@gmail.com

4:00PM | HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:30PM | DINNER
5:45PM | WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIO (infant - 5th)
6:00PM | LENTEN SMALL GROUP (Room 7)
6:00PM | HOUSE BAND REHEARSAL
6:00PM | SING, SAY, DANCE, & PLAY! (k- 5th)
7:00PM | CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

THUR

2:00PM | LENTEN SMALL GROUP

6:00PM | LENTEN SMALL GROUP
Room 7

NEXT

8:55AM-9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER (Chapel)

SUN

9:00AM | FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP (Parlor)

9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER
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10:00AM | WORSHIP

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11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR

11:00AM | YOUTH UKULELE BAND

11:15AM | BIBLE STUDY

11:30AM | YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP MEETING

DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

Sunday, March 16, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Community Room
Join Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium (CCEC)
for a presentation by Sheldon Wolfchild and discussions about
the Doctrine of Discovery, what it is and its enduring impacts
in our country and culture. Free event but please register here:
tinyurl.com/cccec-doctrine-of-discovery

FAITHFUL HOSPITALITY SIGN UP

Hamline Church is serving as a temporary overnight shelter for
asylum seeking families. During March and April we need two
overnight hosts every night to welcome and host these families in
our church. Sign up to volunteer here:
bit.ly/FaithfulHospitality



WELCOME TO HAMLINE

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

Children in prek-3rd grade can join staff and volunteers
for Sacred Studio (our spiritual formation time) after
the message. 4th-5th graders will sit together in
worship and then gather in the youth room after the
sermon. Please pick your child up at the end of worship.
Pre-K: Room 10, 1st Grade: Room 7, 2nd - 3rd: Parlor.

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!

Questions? Please visit hamlinechurch.org/give



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