



MAY JUNE 2023 PREVIEW



PASTOR'S GREETING

Easter Greetings!

We made it through the long, hard, never-ending winter! Even for a native Minnesotan, it's been A LOT.

The church liturgical calendar coincides with our need to break forth into a season of new life and joy. Easter is not just a one-day event, but rather a 50-day celebration known as the season of Eastertide. Historically this season lasted 40 days to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before his Ascension, however for most of us in western churches Eastertide lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost. I can appreciate the thought to just extend the celebration by 10 days all the way until Pentecost, which itself is a celebratory season! Pentecost marks when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the church.

This May and June we continue this tradition of celebration! The month of May will be a Celebration of Ministry. Each week we will lift up and celebrate ministries of our church and take time to appreciate all of the many people who make up the body of Christ that is Hamline Church. During worship we will lift up specific ministry teams that serve in our church and in our greater community.

After worship we celebrate with some special activities during coffee hour including a gratitude tree, opportunities to write thank you cards and a fun treat each week. The gratitude tree and thank you cards are an opportunity for each of us to thank the individuals from church who have made an impact on us in big or small ways. I invite you to be thinking about who it is that helps make Hamline Church a special place for you? Who is someone you'd like to thank for serving coffee, greeting you on Sundays, leading a team or small group, writing cards, baking bread? -or whatever way someone has touched your life or inspired you. This is a time to be intentional about saying thank you.

Then in June we celebrate milestones with our Confirmands (June 5) and High School Graduates (June 11), we celebrate the rainbow of the diversity of God's children on PRIDE Sunday (June 25) and we join our kids for the weeklong celebration of VBS - Compassion Camp (June 19-23)!

I give thanks for the joyful spirit present in the people of Hamline Church and for all the many ways each of you contribute to our life together, and to my life personally.

See you for the celebration!

Blessings and love,



Pastor Mariah

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard
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UPCOMING WORSHIP

MAY WORSHIP SERIES: CELEBRATE!

The heart of worship is celebration! We celebrate who God is, what God has done for us in Jesus, and the new Spirit-filled lives we get to live because of it. By taking the time to celebrate God's gifts to us—gifts of diversity, unity, promise, and new life—we are attuning ourselves to the good things in life so that, even in times of struggle and hardship, we can be sustained. During worship in May we will also celebrate the many ministries of Hamline Church and appreciate all those who serve and give within and beyond our walls. Please plan to attend to be appreciated for your service and to help appreciate others!

- **May 7 - Week 1: Celebrate Diversity**

As the body of Christ, we are called to celebrate the diverse ways God is reflected in each and every person.

We Love Our Neighbors

Brick Oven, Earthkeepers, Hamline Women/United Women in Faith, Hamline Dining Hall, Face2Face/Safe Zone, Refugee Ministry Team, Reconciling Ministries, Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium, Racial Reconciling Team, SPROUT Garden, Dorothy Day Meal Team, Social Justice & Missions, Mission Trips, HU Campus Ministry and McVay.

- **May 14 - Week 2: Celebrate Unity**

Celebrate that unity does not mean uniformity! Our diversity is knit together in the unity of faith as we grow into Christ.

We Come Together at the Table & We Learn and Grow Together

Care team, hospitality/coffee hour, ministry of memory, small group leaders, building project volunteers, office ministry, financial volunteers and counters, Church Council, investment team, membership team, youth ministry, confirmation mentors.

- **May 21 - Week 3: Celebrate Promise**

Abraham is a model of what it means to grasp hold of what God promises us through faith. Like Abraham, we can embrace God's calling on our lives, believe that God will do what God promises, and take courageous action.

We Encounter the Sacred

Chancel Choir, Handbells, House Band, Hamline Church Barber Shop Quartet, ushers, greeters, lay readers, liturgical arts and flowers, communion servers, worship technology team, worship volunteer coordinators, Music and Art series volunteers, Sacred Studio teachers

- **May 28 - Week 4: Reset Direction**

Celebrating new life is about celebrating how we are transformed for joy and to thrive.

SUMMER WORSHIP PREVIEW: HEROES OF THE FAITH | STARTING JUNE 11

Heroes do not just belong in comic books and blockbuster movies. We have them in real life too – people whose courage, strength, and resilience we can look up to as models for our own lives. In this summer series, we will meet outstanding heroes from our faith story, especially lifting up women and others whose stories are not often told. Their readiness to listen to God's voice in their lives and act on it inspires us to do the same.

June 5 – Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

June 11 – Graduation Sunday & Heroes of Faith series begins

June 18 – VBS Kick Off

June 25 – PRIDE Celebration

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Do you have a winning and warm personality? A great smile? A voice made for the radio? Whatever your gift may be, your help is needed! The church is looking to enhance the roster of lay readers, greeters, ushers, and communion servers who have a desire to welcome and minister to people in our wonderful church community! Please consider meeting David and Pastor Mariah after worship on June 11 to learn more about these roles in the worship experience at Hamline Church. Contact David (dkozisek@hamlinechurch.org).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation
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MAY MID-WEEK ENNEAGRAM LUNCH BREAK

Wednesdays at 12:00pm via Zoom (with in person meet up)

Join Associate Minister Heather Grantham for an introduction to the Enneagram and how we can use it to deepen our connection to self, others, and God. We will meet the first four Wednesdays of May at noon via Zoom, utilizing wisdom from Enneagram as a Spiritual Practice and the Integrative9 Enneagram Solutions Group. Contact Heather Grantham (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org) for more information and to RSVP to explore the enneagram together!

- May 3 | Strengths and Core Motivations: 9 ways of seeing the world
- May 10 | Lines: Patterns of Movements and Energy Flow
- May 17 | Enneagram Wings and Problem Solving
- May 24 | Conflict Styles: when we don't get what we want



RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP

3rd Thursdays at 7:30pm via Zoom

The Racial Justice Reading Group explores issues of social and racial justice through reading and discussion. We seek to grow in our understanding of and commitment to racial justice and reconciliation, through our faith that is rooted in Jesus' teachings which are inherently anti-racist.

More info on the book club and where to get books is on our website: hamlinechurch.org/racial-justice-reading-group/

MAY READ: *How We Show Up: Reclaiming Family, Friendship, and Community* by Mia Birdsong

If you'd like help acquiring a copy of the book or to RSVP to attend hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org

HAMLIN CHURCH CARE TEAM

The Hamline Church Care Team are the first responders to the spiritual and social needs within our community. Members from this team called and checked in on every single person within our Hamline Church family throughout the pandemic and we are so grateful.

The Care Team cares for this community in all the ways it can through prayer, meals, cards, calls, and more.

If you are in need of spiritual care and/or connection, please reach out to the Care Team via Heather (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcomed new members in worship Sunday, April 30.

Andrew, Dionne, and Naomi Greenlee; Kjensmo Walker; Benjamin, Brittany, and Frederick Harris; Brian, Stephanie, and Ezzy Engebrecht; Jan and Mike Huddle; Roxanne Johnson; Elizabeth Bennett and Robert, Forrest, and Dory Holveck.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE?

For decades worship attendance was a metric churches used to measure engagement and growth. Most churches could anticipate the ebbs and flows throughout the calendar year and would track year over year comparisons. During the pandemic that stalwart methodology was flipped on its head! No one really knew how to track online attendance. Over the past couple of years we've been figuring out some key indicators that help us have a better sense of how many people are worshipping online.



In most churches, including Hamline, worship attendance in person and online fluctuated tremendously since March 2020. We wondered if we would ever see any stability again and how to interpret attendance in this new era. We now have over a year of experience with hybrid worship (online and in person) and are beginning to see some stabilizing. Walker Brault our worship technology coordinator helps measure attendance and has put together this helpful analysis:

For Hamline Church worship attendance appears to be bouncing back from the pandemic and possibly even growing beyond pre-pandemic levels. Easter 2023 in person attendance matched 2019. However, we also now have online attendance to consider as well. Facebook and YouTube both provide a live count of the number of devices playing a livestream. While there is no direct translation between online attendance and in person attendance, taking the conservative view that only 1 person was watching per device online, 2023 was the most attended Easter service on record (since 2009).

More broadly, our live attendance is on par with the 2018-2019 church year (last full pre-pandemic year) with an average Sunday attendance of 204 people between rally Sunday and the third Sunday in April (Easter is included both years). In line with other years, we would expect this to drop as we move into summer and vacations become more common.

Additionally, we are also seeing a shift relative to the 2021-2022 church year to a greater percentage of worship participants joining in person.

We continue to see about 1/4 of our YouTube viewers accessing our streams through the website. We also continue to see a diversity in the types of devices people are tuning in on. Computers and phones both account for more than 1/3 of total views with TV coming in third with Tablets following. However, those engaging on their phones tend to watch significantly less of a service, on average 1/3 of what those watching by TV view.

Of additional note, our most watched video on YouTube is Eileen's recording of Ode to Joy posted July 2020 which now has over 32,000 views. By comparison, our most watched online service was Easter 2020 with 404 views.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Stephanie Engebrecht, Facilities Manager
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WINDOWS RESTORATION

The final stage of our stained-glass window restoration is finally complete! Plaster and painting repairs around the windows frame these beautiful pieces of art nicely. They are ready to be enjoyed in a new light!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

LEDs ahead! Thanks to the work put in by the Earthkeepers to have an Energy Audit performed for the church, and the follow up they pursued with staff on some of the changes we can make to lower our carbon footprint, we will be able to benefit from a bulb replacement rebate and program through Premier Lighting, CEE, and Xcel Energy. All our 4ft long fluorescent bulbs throughout the education wing will be getting replaced, saving us over \$8,000 in lighting and energy efficiency upgrades!

SECURITY UPDATES

As a follow up from our security assessment and the trainings we underwent with Rev. Chris Carr of Daikon consulting last year, the next step is to move forward with several measures:

1. Installing additional cameras and motion sensors throughout the church building.
2. Replacing the security light at the southwest corner of the building with a daylight sensor LED light.
3. Acquiring our own traffic barricades to have on hand, which will help keep the children safe while working in the sprout garden, and can be utilized for an added safety measure during events at Hamline.

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE!

We would like to invite church members to be part of the formation of a Security Committee/Task Force. This committee will be dedicated to identifying safety needs and supporting the implementation of security measures, as they emerge. This will be an important team for the church, especially as our occupancy continues to increase and church life returns to more in person gatherings! Please let church staff know if you are interested! Email humc@hamlinechurch.org or call 651.645.0667.

OFFERING UPDATES

Thank you for your generous donations to the following offerings:

- Easter UMCOR Offering: \$1175
- March MN Foodshare: \$3693
- Turkey/Syria Earthquake: \$4600

THANK YOU FROM KEYSTONE

In addition to the \$3700 in March MN FoodShare month financial donations we also dropped off more than 300 pounds of food donations for Keystone for a total donation of over \$4000! Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all at Hamline Church for this amazing support. Your gift is helping us keep our shelves stocked!

- Mary S. McKeown, President Keystone Community Services

ANNOUNCING HAMLIN EARTHKEEPERS FIRST-EVER ECO-SHARE EVENT

Saturday, May 6 from 9:30am - 3:30pm in conjunction with Hamline's Spring Market

An opportunity for us to share ideas and information about living more sustainably with a focus on how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Join us on Hamline's Greenway, east of Church. Stroll the greenway to check out ideas (talk with Earthkeepers) and activities (make a sleep mat, play a sorting game) and SHARE your idea for a free giveaway! Questions? Contact the Hamline Church Earthkeepers (hamlineearthkeepers@gmail.com).

HELP GREEN THE GREENWAY!

Saturday, May 13 from 10:00am - noon

The Greenway lost plants due to drought over the past couple years. It is time to replant! (And perhaps pull weeds or spread mulch.) You are invited to get your hands in the dirt and help us bring new life to the Greenway. Bring a small spade or rake and garden gloves. Enjoy a coffee and chat with friends as we welcome summer to the Church grounds. Contact: HamlineEarthkeepers@gmail.com.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STUDY

This winter 15 people from Hamline Church participated in a Land Acknowledgement Study. A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. In the group's three sessions together, we talked about the history of this land, about our place in that history, and our calling and responsibilities as Christians and as members of Hamline Church. Several participants from the Land Acknowledgment Study formed a longer-term task force to continue learning about local indigenous communities and the indigenous history of Minnesota lands, as well as exploring reparative actions that the congregation can take in conjunction with a Land Acknowledgment statement. The Land Acknowledgment task force is open to anyone interested in learning about or engaging in this reparative work.

ENERGY AUDIT

Last fall, the Hamline Earthkeepers arranged with EnerChange to carry out an updated energy audit of Hamline Church's building and energy use. EnerChange provided the audit report in January, and the results of the audit were presented at the April Church Council meeting. Great news - since the church's last audit in 2014: 1) electricity use is down 4%; 2) Natural gas use is down 11%; and 3) In 2022, 28% of our electricity was generated by our solar panels! The audit recommend several next steps to continue to reduce our church's energy use and carbon footprint. For more information, please visit: www.hamlinechurch.org/serve/green-team/

CONNECT

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY END OF SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY

Wednesday, May 3 from 5:30-7:00pm

Hamline students and community members are invited to celebrate the end of the Hamline University School year with a pizza party and stress reducing activities! Bring a dessert or side dish to share and join us on the church lawn for fun, food and fellowship. Contact Heather Grantham (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org) for more information and to RSVP.

FREE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY MEALS

Tuesday, May 23 from 4:30-8:30pm (4th Tuesdays of the month)

Hamline Church has partnered with Eureka Compass Vegan Food for a free monthly, sustainable, community meals! All proceeds

go to a local non-profit. If weather permits, we are hoping to build community and set into motion making our 4th Tuesday Community meals a long lasting ministry here at Hamline. Contact Chef Colin (eurekacompassveganfood@gmail.com) or Heather (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).



FICTION & FELLOWSHIP

Fiction and Fellowship concludes its 23rd year with a celebratory gathering at the Kruegers on the 3rd Sunday in May. This year's theme was "Place" choosing books where location grounds the story in a variety of places. We have gone to outer space, a garbage dump in Cambodia, a lighthouse in Nova Scotia and to the island of Cyprus where a fig tree's voice helped tell the story. Our book discussions led by Kent and Diane Krueger are never dull and always insightful even when not everyone likes the book! Next year's theme is still being discussed so no announcement at this time, but stay tuned for next year's selections and consider joining us at Fiction and Fellowship. Interested? Contact JoEllen (joellen.ambrose@gmail.com).

BASIC NEEDS COLLECTION FOR SAFEZONE HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Sadly, as part of the ongoing recovery from the pandemic, the numbers of homeless and unsheltered youth requesting services for basic needs keeps increasing at SafeZone in downtown Saint Paul. We have planned a collection drive for white T-Shirts, socks, and underwear, along with cash donations for all four Sundays in May. Cash contributions can also be made anytime during this drive by making a single donation or optional recurring monthly donations via www.hamlinechurch.org/give by choosing "Face2Face/SafeZone" as the designated fund in the pull-down menu. Personal checks may also be submitted in the offering by please noting "Face2Face/SafeZone" in the memo line. It is most helpful for bookkeeping if you submit a separate check for these donations.

These are the items that are currently most needed by youth ages 14 to 24 that Face to Face/SafeZone Drop in Center serves: Men's White T-Shirts (S-XXL), Women's Ankle Socks, Black Cotton Socks, Women's Hipster Underwear (S-XXL) Boxer Briefs (S-XXL). For information on Face to Face/ SafeZone: <https://face2face.org/>. Contact: Steve Bloom (stevebloom4592@gmail.com).

HAMLIN CHURCH DINING HALL THIS SUMMER!

It may not feel like it, but summer is just around the corner! SAVE THE DATES: August 23 through September 4 for the Minnesota State Fair. The Hamline Dining Hall will be open and in full swing!

This year, the window will be open until 9:00pm per the guidelines set by the Fair Admin. We will sell our “window items,” such as paletas, water, and any new food that we submit that the Fair chooses for their list.

Clean up Day, in preparation for the opening of the Dining Hall, will be Saturday, August 12. We will begin at 9:00am and welcome all volunteers. We don't have a hard date for our volunteer recruitment sign up to open so please watch for that.

We are working on some new ideas to enhance recruitment. We will offer child care during a couple of shifts to allow more parents the flexibility to volunteer at the dining hall. Also, if you'd rather not work at the Fair, we're setting up shifts to drive volunteers to and from church to the fairgrounds to work a shift. Stay tuned for more details on these plans.

We are excited about the 2023 State Fair and hope you will join us in making it one of the best years ever!!! Questions? Contact Mary Bloom (mary_j_bloom@yahoo.com).

Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium's 2023 Movie Series presents **JEFFREY ROBINSON'S DOCUMENTARY: WHO WE ARE - A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA**

Sunday, May 7 from 3:00-5:00pm at Hamline Church

The Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium will hold its next event as we gather to explore and discuss issues of race and inclusion. We will gather for Part 2 of the documentary *Who We Are, a Chronicle of Racism in America*. This documentary by civil rights attorney, Jeffrey Robinson, stresses the importance of knowing our history in order to make meaningful positive changes. Please join us for this free event.

Group reflections to follow. Eventbrite registration preferred but not required. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/commconvo2023

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, POLICY AND CHANGE: SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS AROUND THE REALITIES OF GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Tuesday, May 9 from 6-7:30pm

Join us as we hear from Dr. Jillian Petersen, psychologist and professor of criminology and criminal justice at Hamline University, about her work around gun violence and how to support ourselves and our children.

Childcare and dinner available, RSVP to Katie Morris (kmorris@hamlinechurch.org) or HU intern Livy Clemens (oclemens01@hamline.edu) with questions.



MINISTRY OF MEMORY

Mary Bakeman, Church Historian
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TAKE A TOUR

The weather is finally warming up and a perfect time to take a walking tour of Hamline Church! Check out our brochure *Exploring Hamline Church: A Walking Tour*, available in the commons to take a stroll through church and the surrounding areas.

THANK YOU!

Our windows celebration and re-dedication was a wonderful event!



Pastor Mariah, Mary Bakeman, and Pastor Heather during the Stained Glass Window Restoration Blessing Ceremony.



The congregation was invited to stand and gaze at our windows during worship.



Al Palmer of Gaytee Palmer Glass answers questions after worship.



Gathering in the commons for cake celebrating the windows!

Jane McClure & Jean Thilmany, Co-Chairs
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JOIN US FOR THE SPRING MARKET

The annual Spring Market at Hamline Church is **9:30am to 3:30pm Saturday, May 6** at the church. Vendors are signing up to sell a wide array of handmade items, good things to eat and your favorite products. Proceeds benefit the Hamline Church Women and support our mission giving efforts.

And remember, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, weddings and other gift-worthy events are coming. Out on the greenway we'll have an Eco-Share event with some great information on how to "live green." We'll also have our gently used books and our maker supplies.

Vendor and volunteer signup for the market is underway. It's always fun day for volunteers and there's plenty to do. We'll also need setup and teardown volunteers. Sign up to volunteer at hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central or contact hamlinewomen@gmail.com.



EMMA NORTON GALA

On Thursday, April 27 Emma Norton held their annual Opening Doors Gala. Hamline Church Women sponsored a table and Hamline Church was well represented! Thank you for your continued support!

MUSIC UPDATE

David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship
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ORGAN | THE MAGIC BUTTON

The buttons below the organ keyboards are called pistons and can be programmed to select whichever pipes the organist wants to use. But there is one very special piston labeled Full Organ which was pre-programmed by the organ builder to produce the biggest sound possible. On most organs, ours included, a red light comes on, a handy warning just in case it is pressed by mistake! It is designed to add the final crowning glory to a piece. If you were in church on Easter you heard it on the big chords at the end of the Widor Toccata. I don't use it every Sunday (a little goes a long way!) but it may pop in again in May or June. You don't need to be close enough to see the little red light, you'll know it when you hear it! - Eileen Miller, organist (emiller@hamlinechurch.org)



HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir sure had a fun time preparing and performing a special Tanzanian piece on Easter morning. In case you missed, have a listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/sL6Qw8wZjss>. A special thank you to our guest percussionists and to bell ringer Karen Van Schyndel for creating such fitting stoles and bowties! Wow! The handbells are excited to perform again in worship on May 21 as part of Music Celebration Sunday. Did you know that you can go back and view all of your favorite moments from worship on the church's YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@HamlineChurch/streams>

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has had a busy spring singing in worship and collaborating with instrumentalists and the house band on occasion. Most recently they were joined by Gayle Wilcox, flute and Jeremy Swider, violin for a special anthem set to the Dakota melody Lacquiparle with text that evokes images of nature to epitomize healing and to praise God's gift to us. The choir is excited to prepare Franz Schubert's Mass in G which with Chamber Orchestra and vocal soloists. The accessible and beautiful work will be performed on May 21 in the 10:00am worship service and then a second time at 4:00pm with additional choral repertoire as part of the Music and Arts Series at Hamline Church (see below) with a reception to follow. Additional singers are needed for this work. Please consider making some beautiful music and "checking out" choir for a short term project. Invite a friend! Contact David (dkozisek@hamlinechurch.org) for the rehearsal schedule, music, and more information.



HOUSE BAND

The house band had a great time with our guest trumpets and viola on Easter Sunday playing "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash. Some other recent house band highlights include pieces by The Civil Wars, Nickel Creek, and Molly Tuttle. Please send any song suggestions or feedback to Micah (merickson@hamlinechurch.org).

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Summer provides new opportunities for all to contribute their talents to worship. Stay tuned for a pop up choir or two, special handbell ringing opportunities for beginners, and other instrumental music get togethers. Our music team greatly enjoys meeting people where they are, cultivating musical gifts in a way that is comfortable and confidence inspiring, no matter one's background, age, or ability. David is especially eager to learn of hidden instrumental music talents in the church community!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND MUSIC

meets on Wednesday evenings at 6PM through the month of May and will celebrate our time together with a performance in Worship on June 4. We have been practicing two new songs "May Sunshine Light Your Way" and "What a Wonderful World" and are exploring how music is put together using the various barred Orff instruments. I am grateful to our musical teachers Julie Dempsey, Emily Wilcox Freeburg, and Kathy Evenson for their expertise and joy when working with all the kiddos. We are having a blast and hope you'll consider bringing your K-5th graders to sing to play along!



MUSIC AND ARTS SERIES AT HAMLINE CHURCH

Hopefully you have been able to attend a Music and Arts Series Performance this season. On April 30, we welcomed student dancers from the St. Paul Ballet in Opera in Motion (photo) supported by chamber music on period instruments from the Wolfgang Chamber Ensemble. This unique program featured Paul Jacobsen's newly transcribed overtures from Mozart's *Magic Flute* and *Marriage of Figaro*, and Gluck's transcendent *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* from *Orfeo et Eurydice* with new choreography conceived by Penelope Freeh, with surprise performances by local professional dancers Helen Hatch, and Darrius Strong.

The final event of the 2023-2024 series is on May 21 at 4:00pm. A Choral Cadenza showcases the rich talent of music makers at Hamline Church with Franz Schubert's masterful Mass No. 2 in G, Charpentier's Te Deum (selections), Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, Copland's The Promise of Living, and more. Come hear this beautiful music in our beautiful space. Free will offering with reception to follow.

The Music and Arts Series provides exceptional and meaningful performances to enrich the lives of those in the Hamline Midway neighborhood and the greater Twin Cities community. Planning is underway for the 2023-2024 season, and we'd like to hear from YOU. Are there any groups you'd like to see performing at Hamline Church? Would you like to be more involved in the planning and operations of this series? Please consider attending a planning and brainstorming luncheon on May 24 hosted by Artistic Director, David Kozisek and Gregg Dahlke. To RSVP or for more information, please contact David (dkozisek@hamlinechurch.org).

<http://www.hamlinechurch.org/music-arts-series>

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Katie Morris, Director of Student Ministries
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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Wednesday Connection

Join us for our final session for the year! Fellowship, music, and connection on Wednesday evenings! Sign up for dinner at hamlinechurch.org/sign-up-central

Spring Session: April 26-May 25

- 5:30-8:30 Childcare in Room 10
- 5:30-6:00 Dinner in the Community Room
- 6:00-6:45 Children's Music for k-6th grade
- 6-7 Band Rehearsal
- 6:15-7:30 Confirmation Class
- 7-8:30 Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Birth-6th grade

MAY 2023

SUNDAYS	
7	Worship with communion, children worship with families!
14	Worship and Sacred Studio for prek-4th grade
21	Worship and Sacred Studio for prek-4th grade
28	Worship and last day of Sacred Studio for prek-4th grade!

JUNE 2023

SUNDAYS	
4	Confirmation Sunday worship, children worship with families
11	Graduate Sunday, children worship with families
18	Summer in SPROUT garden begins!
JUNE 19-23 - Compassion Camp VBS week	
25	Worship and summer in SPROUT



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sacred Studio

Sacred Studio is our spiritual formation time for children, prek-6th grade. On Sundays (except for the 1st Sunday of each month) after the children's moment in worship, children can join staff and volunteers to explore a bible story through art, music, and games. This time is focused on making space for children to know God's love! The final day of Sacred Studio this program year is May 28!



Whole Family of God Service on 1st Sundays

The first Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion in our worship service. This is a special sacrament that we share together as a church, and we want children to be part of it! Children are always welcome to stay in the worship service with families, and on first Sundays we will not have Sacred Studio time together to allow time for this special worship.

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

5th and 6th Graders – Tween Ducks

We invite our 5th and 6th graders to sit together in worship! This group will stay in the service until after the sermon, then head to the youth room to check in, reflect on the service, and enjoy fellowship together with a few adult leaders. Contact Katie with questions!

Childcare: Frolic Room

Childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under in the Frolic Room with our amazing childcare specialists. This is a time for free play, stories, and building connections with church friends! Contact Katie Morris if you have questions about childcare at Hamline Church.

SUMMER IN SPROUT GARDEN

On Sunday mornings during the summer, we partner with our Hamline University SPROUT garden interns to work in the garden growing produce for our Hamline Midway Elder neighbors. We also explore what it means to be part of God's creation and to care for it! Children prek-6th grade can join us starting Sunday, June 18 after the children's moment. If you'd like to join us as an adult, contact Katie! (kmmorris@hamlinechurch.org)

FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

It was such a joy to gather with this group the day before Easter – look out for another fellowship date this summer! Contact Katie or Heather with questions.



COMPASSION CAMP VBS: JUNE 19-23, 2023

Register your child for Compassion Camp: Changing the World With Lovingkindness at Hamline Church by June 1!

9am-12pm, with after-care available until 4pm.

Children 4 years-completed 5th graders: join us for a week of exploring God's love through music, crafts, games, and more. Compassion Camp is a program from Illustrated Ministry, where children and families explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. Register at hamlinechurch.org/families/ and contact

Director of Student Ministries, Katie Morris (kmmorris@hamlinechurch.org) with questions or concerns.

CONNECT WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Monthly Email Update:** To receive monthly email updates with information about children's ministry at Hamline, contact Katie Morris (kmmorris@hamlinechurch.org) or sign up with this QR code!
- **Facebook Group:** Connect with other caregivers for children and youth in the Hamline community! Contact Katie Morris (kmmorris@hamlinechurch.org) to join.



STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

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YOUTH MINISTRY 6th-12th grade



MAY 2023

SUN 7	Trip partnership sales!
SUN 14	Trip partnership sales! YLP application due
TUES 16	Second "Sunday" Youth dinner at Davanni's in Roseville to support summer trips!

JUNE 2023

SUN 4	Confirmation Sunday, end of year party!
WED 7	Detroit Trip Meeting
SUN 11	Graduate Recognition Sunday, YLP begins

INTERN WITH HAMLINE CHURCH: YLP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Completed 7th grade-12th grade youth: apply to serve as a YLP intern this summer! The Young Leaders Program at Hamline Church focuses on fostering leadership within the youth of our community to develop leaders in the church and the world. Interns will work with Katie Morris and Heather Grantham to craft their internship, and can focus on a variety of ministry areas at Hamline.

- Stipend: \$300
- Hours: 30 completed between June and August

To apply: Submit application found on the youth section of our website, or contact Katie for a copy (kmorris@hamlinechurch.org) by May 14.

CONFIRMATION

We're nearing the end of the year for our confirmation class. Join us to celebrate this group Sunday, June 4!

MAY 2023

WED 3	Wednesday class
WED 10	Wednesday class
WED 17	Wednesday class
SAT 20	Visit to Hindu Temple of MN
WED 24	Wednesday class

JUNE 2023

SAT 3	Confirmation Rehearsal 9am-12pm
SUN 4	Confirmation Sunday!



STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

SUMMER TRIP PARTNERSHIPS: MAY 7 AND 14

Our youth are headed on two trips this summer:

- **High School BWCA Canoe Expedition, July 6-11**
- **Mission Trip to Detroit with Motown Mission, July 29-August 5**

Support these youth by donating to become a trip partner!

- **Donate any amount:** As a trip partner, you'll receive special updates, photos, and news from youth the week after the BWCA trip and during the mission trip. You'll also be supporting our youth in their faith journeys as they explore what it means to share God's love in the world.
- **Add a track to our summer playlist:** donate \$100 to share one of your favorite tunes for our road trips.
- **Donate** by check, cash, or online via Realm at hamlinechurch.org/give
- **Find youth after worship May 7 and 14**, or contact Katie (kmorris@hamlinechurch.org) for more information.
- **Enjoy some pizza at Davanni's!** We're hosting a fundraiser night - tell them you're with Hamline Church Youth to support our trip! May 16, 4-8pm at Davanni's in Roseville

CONNECT WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

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