

WORSHIP

April 24, 2016

10:00 AM
SANCTUARY

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Gather to Worship

CENTERING

Rev. Paula Colton

PRELUDE

Fanfare in Renaissance Style
Andrew Hackett

CHORAL INTROIT

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

Curtis Oliver

This is a day to celebrate new life, to open our ears to the sounds of God's world, to open our eyes to the beauty of creation.

We are glad for green grass and flowers, for the music of birds and of raindrops.

This is a day of gladness and joy; we remember Jesus, who welcomed all people and recognized the value of each one.

We are glad for Jesus, our helper and our friend.

Jesus is alive! His Spirit lives in us, helping us when we are afraid or lonely or ashamed or sad.

Jesus shows us how much God loves us, and lets us know we are forgiven.

Be glad today. Let us rejoice together. Life is good. We are accepted and loved.

+ HYMN NO. 308

Thine Be the Glory
JUDAS MACCABEUS



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S E R M O N S E R I E S

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April 6 - May 15

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SERMON SERIES

- Apr. 6 *It Is Okay to Ask Questions.*
John 3:1-21
- Apr. 10 *It is Okay to Need Help.*
Mark 10:46-52
- Apr. 17 *It Is Okay to Care.*
Genesis 9:9-10
Isaiah 24:4-6
Leviticus 26:3-4
- Apr. 24 *It Is Okay to Admit You're Wrong.*
Luke 15:11-32
- May 1 *It Is Okay to Show Mercy.*
Matthew 20:29-34
- May 8 *It Is Okay to Dream Big.*
Matthew 17:14-21
- May 15 *It Is Okay to Share.*
Acts 2:1-16, 43-47

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

We will grow in our love of God and neighbor, welcome new people and heal a broken world.

Sunday Worship

Sabbath Beginnings 8:00 AM
Communion

Sacred Journey 8:30 AM
Creation Spirituality

Traditional Worship 10:00 AM
Organ, Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Together We Praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel

Let the children come to the front for the Time with Children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Nate Melcher

+ SHARING THE PEACE

May the Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

O God, bless Alexa Jo, Eleanor Grace and Jackson Augustus with the gift of your Life. Bless their parents with the gift of your love. Bless us all, your followers, with the Christ Spirit of life and love and peace. May we learn from one another and live into the covenant we have made together to walk on this journey of faith with you.

Alexa Jo Ingram, daughter of Kirk and Melissa Ingram

Eleanor Grace Pirie, daughter of Isaac and Hilary Pirie

Jackson Augustus Wiest, son of Shauna and Josh Wiest

ANTHEM

Dazzling As the Sun
Gweneth Walker

This anthem is one of 10 commissioned by the Downtown Minneapolis Churches for the biannual choral festival. This one is from 2004.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & LIGHTING THE LAMP

+ GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is God's Word for the people of God.

We praise the Lord for sacred Word.

SERMON

It Is Okay to Admit You're Wrong.

Rev. Judy Zabel

We Respond to God's Love

GIVING WITH OUR TITHES, OUR OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

MUSICAL OFFERING

Steve Marking

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Shirley Gustafson

Recovering at Home

Caroline Pilgrim

Megan Hanson

Hospice

Roy Almen

Marie Cross

Pauline Hutchinson

Care Centers

Jim Anderson

Gary Hargroves

Doug Jeranson

Kay Moberg

Virginia Nyberg

Prayer Requests

Carol Jackson

Reed Mathis

Walk to Emmaus Pilgrims



If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 612-871-5303 or email Pastoralcare@haumc.org. This helps our church family care for one another.



Ministers

All members of the congregation.

Clergy

Paula Colton, Children & Families
Sally Johnson, Worship & Spiritual Formation
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor
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+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you offer us abundant life. We offer you thanks and praise. You sow in us the gift of giving. We dedicate these first fruits to you. Your goodness abounds, your provision is sure. To you we offer these gifts of gratitude; to you we rededicate our loves and lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Choral Amen

We Take Our Worship Into the World

+ HYMN NO. 379

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow
LENOX

*The Acolytes, Steve and Tammi Boyd,
carry the light of Christ into the world.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Galliard in Renaissance Style
Andrew Hackett

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of
the life of Della M. Lauridsen

by daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bob Beach, grandson, David Beach,
granddaughter and husband, Cathy and Andrew Boies,
and seven adoring great-grandchildren,
Whitney, Andrew and Nicholas Beach,
and Carly, Brynn, Aaron and Abby Boies.

We Welcome You!

Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the **Friendship Pads** found in each pew. Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church has a place for you. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Welcome Bags for first-time guests are at the front of the Sanctuary.

Tours begin at the front of the Sanctuary after the 10:00 AM service.

Nursery for infants – age 3 is available until 12:30 PM in the Longfellow Room off the SW corner of Carlson Hall.

Breakfast at Hennepin is downstairs in the Social Hall until 12:30 PM.

Coffee is available each Sunday in Carlson Hall. Our thanks to Jim Cone of Coffee and Tea, Ltd. for supplying our Sunday coffee.