

# WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

July 3, 2016

10:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

SPIRITUAL  
STICKING  
POINTS

This  
Life:  
Kingdom  
of Heaven  
at Hand?



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## We Gather to Worship

CENTERING Rev. Paula Colton

PRELUDE *Chaconne in D minor*  
Louis Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT *Maker, in Whom We Live*  
arr. Dan Bird

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION Rev. Tom Wright

Sing praises to our Lord:  
**Who heals us and makes us whole.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:  
**Whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to  
God's holy name:  
**God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.**

+ HYMN NO. 698 *God of the Ages*  
NATIONAL HYMN

+ MORNING PRAYER

**Almighty God, You are sovereign of all. You created the world without national borders. You created us as one people on one planet. But we have divided and fractured, scattered and marginalized. Draw us together by the one spirit. Draw us together in your one love. Draw us together, so that we might understand that your love knows no bounds. For we are all part of your beloved community; we all belong to you in the name of the creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we pray. Amen.**

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- June 19 *God's Will & Free Will*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Jun. 26 Dr. Lallene Rector
- Today *This Life: Kingdom of Heaven at Hand?*  
Rev. Nate Melcher**
- Jul. 10 *Afterlife: What Does the Bible Say About Heaven?*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Jul. 17 *Afterlife: Is There a Hell?*  
Rev. Nate Melcher
- Jul. 24 *Rachel's Weeping, Our Weeping*  
Rev. Sally Johnson
- Jul. 31 Rev. Paula Colton's  
Final Sunday  
Joyful Upoar
- Aug. 7 *Does it Matter What We Believe?*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Aug. 14 *Does it Matter if I'm Spiritual but not Religious?*  
Rev. Nate Melcher
- Aug. 21 *Why Church?*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Aug. 28 *Potporri Sticking Points*  
Rev. Judy & Nate
- Sept. 4 Rev. Sally Johnson

#### 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*

# Together We Praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Nate Melcher

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ 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.*

## We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND LIGHTING THE LAMP

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

+ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-33, 44-53

He put before them a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

Receive God's Word as a sacred gift today.  
**We thank God for this holy gift.**

# We Respond to God's Love

RESPONDING WITH OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*The Loving God*  
Andrew Birling

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

musical setting by W. H. Mathis

*...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes in the  
 name of the Lord.

*...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

*...now and forever:*

A - men, a - men, a - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

*Go Not Far From Me, O God*  
Luigi Zingarelli

HYMN NO. 614

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*  
FOR THE BREAD

Hymn No. 623

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*  
stanzas 1-3 PENITENTIA

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Births

Kira Lee DeVries, daughter of  
Cullen & Kim DeVries, grand-  
daughter of Nancy & Jerry  
Gale, great granddaughter of  
Ginny

### Deaths

Eileen Nelmark

### Upcoming Surgery

Mike Chatt

### Recovering at Home

William Almquist  
Chuck Roach  
Wilma Smith  
Jane Stegner  
Eva Wall

### Hospice

Roy Almen  
Marie Cross  
Charlie Grimes  
Gary Hargroves

### Care Centers

Rita Lyell  
Jim Mattison  
Kay Moberg

### Prayer Requests

Children's Ministries at Hennepin  
in its transition  
Anne, Lucille Tellet's daughter



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](mailto: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  
Richard Waggoner, Music Emeritus  
Judy Zabel, Lead Pastor

### Program Staff

John Cole, Dignity Center  
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*Hennepin is a Reconciling  
Congregation, welcoming the full  
participation of all persons,  
including the LGBT Community.*



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# We Take Our Worship Into the World

+ HYMN No. 437

*This Is My Song*

*The Acolytes, Evelyn and John Anderson,  
carry the light of Christ into the world.*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given in memory of Philip Steen's birthday and wedding by Arvida, Carla, and Cynthia.

## Sing with Summer Choir

Many members of the Sanctuary Choir take a couple of months of well-deserved break from rehearsals and services. Summer Choir begins! Open to everyone from youth-adults, there is no ongoing commitment, but a come-as-you-can basis. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Choir room to prepare for that morning's service. You're encouraged to try it out for a week or two and find the camaraderie and soul-filling experience of singing together. For more information, call Bill Mathis at 612-435-1319.

## 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.

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