

# WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

February 18, 2018

10:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

faith

belief

grace

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## We Gather to Worship God

CENTERING

Rev. Sally Howell Johnson

PRELUDE

*Adagio, BWV 564*  
Andrew Hackett, organist

J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

Sara Thomsen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Southward

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.

**Let us dwell in God's work of art.**

Come, because the Earth is the Lord's, And God's Earth is our home.

**We live in God's World; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, With the waters and the land, With trees and grasses, With fish, birds, and animals, With minerals and creatures of every form, And with all our brothers and sisters.**

God is good and everything God makes is good.

**God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!**

† HYMN

*All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*  
(See screens for words)

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## sermon series

# speaking christian

based on the book by Marcus J. Borg

- Feb. 4 *Speaking Christian: Believing/Faith*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Feb. 11 *Speaking Christian: Mercy*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Feb. 14 **Ash Wednesday**
- Feb. 18 *Cosmic Christ, Earthly Hope***  
Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Eberhart  
from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Feb. 25 *Speaking Christian: Sin*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Mar. 4 *Speaking Christian: Forgiveness*  
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Mar. 11 **March Madness/ Jersey Day**  
*Speaking Christian: John 3:16*  
Rev. Nate Melcher



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.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Sally Howell Johnson

From Hosea 4:1-3: There is no loyalty or faithfulness, and no knowledge of God in the land. Swearing, stealing, lying, murder, and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed. The land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing.

Prayer: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death, we are still held captive by fear and doubt. We hold on to suspicions and jealousies that set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

**We have neglected the poor and the hungry. In our pursuit of the "good life" we have gone along with injustice; we have ignored the cries of the oppressed. We pursue profits and pleasures that harm the land and pollute the waters. We have squandered the Earth's gifts on technologies of destruction. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all your creatures may know the joy of life abundant, given through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel

*Let the children come to the front for the time with children.*

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Sara Thomsen  
Rev. Sally Howell Johnson

## + SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please greet each other by name and with a sign of reconciliation and peace.*

## + HYMN NO. 150 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA verses 1-2

# We Hear the Word

## SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Cosmic Christ, Earthly Hope* Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Eberhart

+ HYMN NO. 150 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA  
verses 3-4

## We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Judy Zabel

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter  
Sanctuary Choir

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & DOXOLOGY (NO. 94) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Take the Word Into the World

*The Acolytes carry the light of Christ into the world.*

SONG OF BLESSING

Sara Thomsen

+ BENEDICTION

Rev. Judy Zabel

+ POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Lift Every Voice"* Andrew Hackett

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim R. Eberhart and Sara Thomsen to Hennepin Avenue UMC! Dr. Eberhart is the Assistant Professor of Theology and Ecology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and an ordained elder in the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church. His approach to environmental justice work braids together Christian perspectives, contemporary Creation Care scholarship, and practical activism to engage mind, heart, and soul. Sara Thomsen is an award-winning singer/songwriter who has been called "one of Northern Minnesota's best kept secrets." Increasing wonder and awareness, deepening spiritual connection, and widening social engagement through song is at the heart of her work.

### In Our Prayers This Week

#### Deaths

Hank Garwick  
was Feb. 16 at 11:00 AM  
Curt Oliver  
May 6

#### Hospital

Jolene Jeranson  
Saud Ali, friend of the Dunbars

#### Care Centers

Bob Beach  
Kate Lewis  
Sandra Moulton  
Elizabeth Speer, Shari M. Speer's  
mother  
Sharon Stephens

#### Recovering at Home

Clarice Seim  
Jean Simmons

#### Prayer Requests

Eftu Adugna  
Carolyn Edblom  
JoAnn Hanson  
Marcene Johnson  
Jewel Mayer  
Chidi Omeoga on the death of  
her father  
Estulio Perez  
Mary Voigt, mother of Abby  
David, grandson of Trish Younkin  
The community of Parkland, FL

#### Prayers of Celebration and Safety

Akouma Omeoga - Racing with  
the Nigerian Bobsled Team in  
the Olympics  
The 16 Hennepin Youth on Ski  
Trip



## Ministers

All members of the congregation.

## Clergy

Sally Johnson, Minister of Worship & Spiritual Formation  
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation  
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor  
Richard Waggoner, Music Emeritus  
Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor

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## We Welcome You!

We're glad you're here, and we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the **Friendship Pads** found in each pew. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

**Pick up your welcome bag** as you leave.

**Tour our beautiful building.** Meet at the front of the Sanctuary following 10am worship.

**Grab a cup of coffee** in Carlson Hall. Our thanks to Jim Cone of Coffee and Tea, Ltd.—our coffee supplier.

**We love your children.** Nursery care for infants – age 3 is available in room 101 in the education wing. Ask an usher for directions.

## Missional Parking at Hennepin

*To be an inviting congregation and welcome people on our campus, we need to continue being missional about how we park at Hennepin. Please prioritize the church parking lot for our new guests, people with mobility issues, and families with infants and young children.* We ask all able-bodied members/longtime guests to please park in the Architectural Alliance lots (on either side of 400 Clifton Ave.), use street parking, or use the underground Walker ramp (paid vouchers available at Reception).

## We are a Caring Community

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**Congregational Joys and Concerns** are posted each week in the Pastoral Care area of the kiosk in Carlson Hall. Cards for members in need of cheer are available to sign at the reception desk.

**Downtown Grief Support Group:** [www.mplsgriefsupport.com](http://www.mplsgriefsupport.com) is a co-operative effort of downtown churches. Please see their website for the most current information.