

WORSHIP

April 22, 2018

10:00 AM
SANCTUARY



"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

-Albert Einstein

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
MIRACLE SUNDAY

We Gather to Worship God

CENTERING Rev. Sally Howell Johnson

PRELUDE G. F. Handel
Adagio
Andrew Hackett, organist

CHORAL INTROIT LAUDES DOMINI
When Morning Gilds the Sky
Sanctuary Choir
Shari M. Speer, director

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Jurek

In the midst of meaninglessness,

You call us to meaning, O God.

In the midst of divisiveness,

You call us to community through Christ.

Out of our brokenness,

You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit.

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

+ HYMN NO. 89 HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HENNEPIN 
avenue united methodist
511 groveland avenue
minneapolis, mn 55403 phone 612-871-5303
church.org

STEPS OF
FAITH 

sermon series

speaking christian

based on the book by Marcus J. Borg

- April 15 **SNOW DAY**
Speaking Christian:
Be the Miracle!
Rev. Judy Zabel
- April 22 **Miracle Sunday**
Who Was I That I Could Hinder God?
Bishop Bruce R. Ough
- April 29 *Speaking Christian:*
The Creeds and the Trinity
Rev. Judy Zabel
- May 6 *Speaking Christian:*
The Lord's Supper
Rev. Judy Zabel
- May 13 **Mother's Day**
Speaking Christian:
The Lord's Prayer
Rev. Judy Zabel
- May 20 **Graduation Sunday**
Music Sunday
Speaking Christian:
Pentecost
Rev. Nate Melcher

There's so much happening at Hennepin! Get full details of our upcoming events:

- subscribe to eSpire, our weekly digital newsletter, at www.haumc.org/email
- visit the events page of our website, www.haumc.org/events, and select Announcements Calendar
- request a printed copy of the weekly eSpire newsletter from our receptionist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nate Melcher

Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us. Forgive us. Reconcile us to those we have treated as worthless or unwanted; mold us into a community where all your children are accepted, included and loved.

—Adapted from a prayer of confession by Lavon Bayler,
Fresh Winds of the Spirit (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1986), 103.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us. Thanks be to God. **Amen**

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel

WORDS OF WITNESS

John Haberman

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet
Sanctuary Choir

Robert Ray

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

O God, bless Maisie Loretta with the gift of your Life. Bless his 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.

Maisie Loretta Aman, daughter of Megan Dunn and Jeryl Edward Aman

+ HYMN NO. 611 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
verse 1

STUTT GART

We Hear the Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Who Was I That I Could Hinder God?* Bishop Bruce R. Ough

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Sally Howell Johnson

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (NO. 556)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES, GIFTS & 2ND MILE MIRACLE COMMITMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Benedictus (Requiem)* W. A. Mozart
Anika Kildegaard, soprano Mary Monson, alto
Jim Ahrens, tenor Mark Billy, bass

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

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

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Take the Word Into the World

The Acolytes carry the light of Christ into the world.

+ HYMN NO. 560 *Help Us Accept Each Other* LANCASHIRE
(text only)

+ BENEDICTION Bishop Bruce R. Ough

+ POSTLUDE *Improvisation on Laudes Domini* Andrew Hackett

In Our Prayers This Week

Deaths

Don Dewey
Service TBD
Curtis Oliver
Service on May 6
Stan Peterson
Service April 28

Hospice

Carolyn Humphrey

Upcoming Surgery

Mary Wilcox

Hospital

Joy Huss
George Marks

Care Centers

Bob Beach
Sandra Moulton
Sharon Stephens

Recovering at Home

Betty Beach
David Gerdes
Gordy Wilcox

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Radke
Carolyn Edblom
Walk to Emmaus participants

Today's flowers are in memory of our parents, Jean & Sam Moorhead and Colleen Haney, with much love from Leslie Moorhead Haney and Mark Haney.



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

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

Program Staff

Lynne Carroll, Children & Families
Shari M. Speer, Music Ministry
John Cole, Dignity Center
Mary Martin, Outreach
Mark Peterson, Program Director at Koinonia Retreat Center

Twin Cities District Superintendent

Dan Johnson

Minnesota Area Bishop

Bruce R. Ough

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
511 Groveland Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-871-5303



HAUMC is a Reconciling congregation and welcomes all persons without regard to age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical ability.



Our worship services are streamed live on the internet:
haumc.org/live

You can use your smartphone to give electronically today. Just scan the QR code below.



haumc.org/give

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 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 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

Pastoral Care: Please notify the church office if you, a family member or any other church member are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or are in need of pastoral care. Please call 612-871-5303 and ask for Pastoral Care, ext. 771 or email PastoralCare@haumc.org.

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 is a co-operative effort of downtown churches. Please see their website for the most current information.