

10:00am
Traditional Worship

August 9, 2020


HENNEPIN
AVENUE UMC

A Teachable Moment

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

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel
Senior Pastor

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Squire
Director of Music & Fine Arts

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God,

**who binds us together
in love and service.**

+OPENING HYMN

God Is Here

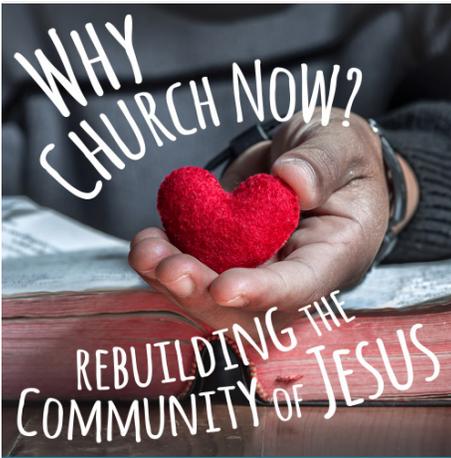
ABBOT'S LEIGH

**God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.**

**Gathered here so to remind us
Of our life-long need of grace;
Though apart by physical distance,
Here we share true holy space.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

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A Sermon Series exploring how we can find the courage to align our behaviors with our beliefs

Aug 2 *Why Church Now?*
Grow Up!
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 Ephesians 4:1-16

Aug 9 *Why Church Now?*
A Teachable Moment
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Aug 16 *Why Church Now?*
Get on with it!
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 Ephesians 5: 1-15

Aug 23 *Why Church Now?*
 Rev. Frenchye Magee
 Ephesians 5:21-33

Aug 30 *Why Church Now?*
Honoring One Another
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 Ephesians 6:1-9

Sept 6 **Service of Lament from UMC**

Sept 13 *Dismantling Racism*
Confess: Say the Names, Tell the Truth
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 1 John 1:5-10

Sept 20 *Dismantling Racism*
Repent: Shine the Light
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 1 John 2:1-11

Sept 27 *Pressing On to Freedom*
Forgiven for Freedom
 Rev. Frenchye Magee
 1 John 2:12-17

Oct 4 *Pressing On to Freedom*
Practice Real Love
 Rev. Judy Zabel
 1 John 3:18-24

Here our children find a welcome
 In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
 Here as bread and cup are taken,
 Christ sustains us, as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant
 Seek in worship to explore
 What it means in daily living
 To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
 In an age of change and doubt
 Keep us faithful to the gospel;
 Help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in the this day's dedication,
 All we have to give, receive;
 We, who cannot live without you,
 We adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Judy Zabel

REFLECTION

Delivered and Satisfied

Psalm 107

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Frenchye Magee
 Associate Pastor

Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers
 we are called to be people shaped by your ethical and selfless life—
 one that is so much at odds with ways of life today.
 We confess how easy it is to be drawn into these ways
 and we need your constant help to make our behaviour consistent
 with yours.

Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful—
 inform us with your Spirit
 so that we speak the truth—your truth—at all times.
 (silence)

Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control—
direct us with your Spirit
that we might handle our anger responsibly.
 (silence)

Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity—
mould us with your Spirit
so that all our dealings are carried out honestly and ethically.
 (silence)

Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand—
instruct us with your Spirit
so that our words truly bring grace to those who hear.
 (silence)

Renew us with your Spirit
so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain.
(silence)

Fall afresh on us, O Holy Spirit,
and make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life,
so that we live, love, and forgive
as graciously and compassionately as Jesus does.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please share with those around you, both in person and online, a sign or prayer of peace.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* John Rutter

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Judy Zabel

We Hear the Word

TIME WITH CHILDREN Lynne Carroll
Director of Children & Family Ministries

SHARING THE SIGNS OF PEACE Rick Belbutoski
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:25-5:2
(*New Standard Revised Version*)

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

SONG OF REFLECTION *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* GOODNESS IS STRONGER

SERMON *Why Church Now?* Rev. Judy Zabel
A Teachable Moment

In Our Prayers This Week

Deaths

Scott Selby, d. 7/13/20

Condolences

Jim & Susan Ahrens (Susan's mother, Wilma C. Volkmer)
Marie Hard (daughter-in-law, Adrian Hard)

Care Center

Evelyn Welsh
Gordy Wilcox
Janet Sundell Rhodes
Holli Roseberg

Prayer Requests

Yvonne Butler (daughter of Kate Lewis)
Brooklyn Simonitch
Timothy Abram
Carolyn Radke
Danielle Anderson
Judy Reese
The Nsude Family

Prayer Requests (Continued)

Mike Chatt
Carol Edblom
James Hlavka
Ruth Laube
Braeden Reeve
Don & Janice Selger
Judy Strandmark
Lorelei Larson

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Wonder from You, Our Community

For the life and legacy of Rep. John Lewis

Prayers for Our Congregational Life & Work

That the vision of being an anti-racist congregation would take hold in all our ministries and transform us, making us truly open to all people.

We Respond to the Word

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS & OURSELVES

Rick Belbutoski

Please visit haumc.org/give to make your offering online, or try our new Text-to-Give option. Send a text to **73256** with the message: **Hennepin \$**, followed by the dollar amount. For example: **Hennepin \$50** or **Hennepin \$25**. You will receive a text reply containing a link. Tap to open the link and enter your payment information. You will automatically receive a receipt for your gift once it is submitted.

MUSICAL OFFERING *O Lord, How Can We Know Thee?*

Ron Nelson

O Lord, how can we know Thee?

Lord, where can we find Thee?

Thou art as close to us as breathing

And yet farther than the farther-most star.

Thou art as mysterious as the vast solitudes of the night

And yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun.

When justice burns like a flaming fire,

When love evokes willing sacrifice,

Do we not bow down to Thee?

Thou livest within our hearts

As Thou dost pervade the world,

And we through Thy presence behold.

+ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jan Russell

Chair of Congregational Care

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

We Take the Word Into the World

+HYMN

In Times of Great Distressing

AURELIA

**In times of great distressing,
Be with us, God, we pray!
Give each of us a vision
Of Jesus' loving way.
When louder words seem endless
And other voices sure,
Remind us of your promise:
Your love and truth endure.**

**O God, whose gifts are countless,
You send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with justice
For all communities.
You give us global neighbors,
That all may justly live.
May we, in Spirit breathing,
Reflect the life you give.**

**O God, you bridged the distance;
You opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence
To reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: Welcome strangers!
Seek justice on the earth!
May we, by Spirit moving,
See every person's worth.**

**You call on every nation
To put aside all greed,
To care for your creation
And for your ones in need,
To care for those in prison,
For children, for the ill.
In times of great distressing,
May we serve others well.**

+ BENEDICTION & SENDING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C Major
Donald Livingston, Principal Organist

William Russell

Prayers for Our World In a Time of Pandemic

In this time of pandemic, bring wisdom to doctors and understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost loved ones. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Prayers for Racial Reconciliation & Healing

Loving God, stabilize our communities; unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts; fill us with confidence in your care; teach us to love and work for justice and liberation for all people.

Prayers for Our Church

That the United Methodist Church would witness faithfully to the grace of Christ in every local setting; that doctrinal and theological differences would be set aside in order to serve all God's people with empathy and compassion.



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Our Strategic Initiatives

1. We will grow in love of God and neighbor by intentionally building a multi-racial beloved community inside and outside our church walls, working to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice for all.
2. We will reach and welcome new people by expanding the ways in which we communicate what God is doing through the ministries of Hennepin.
3. We will heal a broken world by working to undo the harm that church and society have caused in exclusion and discrimination through systemic forms of oppression against all marginalized people including the LGBTQ community.

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