### Prelude

**Musical Improvisation**  
by Steven Hobert  
Interim Music Director

### Welcome & Centering

Rev. Judy Zabel  
Senior Minister

### Gathering Song

**Center of My Life**  
Words from Psalm 16  
Music by Paul Inwood  
Daryl Boudreaux,  
Mary Louise Knutson,  
Steven Hobert

O Lord, you are the center of my life:  
I will always praise you,  
I will always serve you,  
I will always keep you in my sight.

### Poem

**Freedom** by Langston Hughes  
Read by Kemi Ojelade

### Song

**In Freedom Land**  
Steven Hobert

Let’s all run away,  
let’s all sail away,  
let’s all glide away,  
to freedom land.

There’ll be laughing there,  
there’ll be singing there,  
there’ll be dreaming there,  
In freedom land.

There’ll be peace of mind,  
wondrous, joyful time,  
all our hearts aligned,  
in freedom land.
We will sing as one, we’ll all cry as one, we will shout as one, in freedom land.

Let’s all run away, let’s all sail away, let’s all glide away, to freedom land.

**Blessing the Space Between Us**

**Ann Carlson**

**Gathering Prayer**

**Scott Beaumont**

*Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is Your name.*

*In You we live and move and have our being; we are Your own children, the work of Your hands.*

*We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to Your presence, opening our ears to Your Word.*

*Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to You.*

*Amen.*

**The Scripture**

**Acts 17:22-31 (NRSV)**

**Scott Beaumont**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the
art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**SONG**  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
Steven Hobert  
Words: St. Francis, Music: Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there’s sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

**THE STORY**  
*Getting in Touch with an Unknown God*  
Rev. Judy Zabel

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

**MUSIC DURING SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
Scott Beaumont

Holy God, we are people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives  
that clamor for our attention  
that we often relegate you to a few hours or even minutes,  
when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives.

**In Our Prayers This Week**

**Births**  
Quincy William DeVaughn, parents: Nathan and Ashley DeVaughn, b. 5/13/21

**Baptisms**  
Quinn Rae Ward, parents: Amanda & Ryan Ward bap. 5/22/21

**Deaths**  
Dwight Haberman (d. 6/13/2020  
Service on 6/26/21, 11am

**Upcoming Surgery**  
Jim McChesney

**In Recovery**  
Karen Peterson (Back Surgery)

**Care Center**  
Betty Beach (Broken ankle,  
(Clermont Park, Denver, CO)  
Ruth Lippin (Stroke, 4/29)  
Evelyn Welsh  
Kate Lewis

**Recovering at Home**  
Andrew Hackett  
(former HAUMC organist)  
Megan Hanson

**Prayer Requests**  
John Anderson  
Anna Nygren  
Carolyn Radke  
Danielle Anderson  
The Nsude Family  
Mike Chatt  
Carol Edblom  
James Hlavka  
Don & Janice Selger  
Judy Strandmark  
Carrie David  
Lorelei Larson

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Wonder**  
From You, Our Community  
For the joy of returning to in-person worship!
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.  
We forget who we are.  
We forget who you are.  
We forget who the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today, 
with our human foibles 
and our short attention spans, 
asking that you would make yourself known to us, 
that you would help us to recognize 
the presence of the Holy, 
that you would continue to challenge us, 
inspire us, 
and make us into the people you want us to be.

Amen.

**Celebrations**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Steven Hobert  
Words: J. Rosamond Johnson, Music: James Weldon Johnson

*God Grant You Many Years*

**Life Together**

*Gonna Get That Thing Today*  
Words and music by Steven Hobert

*I’m gonna get that thing today*

**Closing Blessing**

*Ahh-men, Ahh-women, Ahh-children, Ahh-animals, Ahh-creation, Awe!!!*

**Postlude**

*Musical Improvisation*  
Steven Hobert

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**Prayers for Our Congregational Life & Work**

For wisdom for our city leaders to listen well to all.  May they have wisdom and resolve to work for justice and healing.

For all our LGBTQ+ siblings as we celebrate PRID and for all those who are still in the closet, afraid to come out.

**Prayers for Our Community**

For the Surfside, Florida community and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones who died in the collapse of a highrise.

**Prayers for Our Nation**

For leaders of wisdom and courage who will seek creative solutions for the common good, and who will guide our civic life with integrity.

**Prayers for Our World**

In a Time of Pandemic  
For hope, mercy, justice, and wise use of resources as countries struggle with COVID-19 surges.  
For peace and a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

**Prayers for Racial Reconciliation & Healing**

We affirm the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.  We pray for open minds to understand, humble hearts to repent, and strength to change as we hear the voices of those wounded by our actions, words, and systems.

**Prayers for Our Church**

We thank God for lay leaders who begin their terms this month.  We pray that God will strengthen Hennepin Avenue UMC as they offer their gifts.

We give thanks for the gift of Koinonia Retreat Center.  We pray with hope for God to open new opportunities for Koinonia Spirit to flourish among us.
Worship Leaders today:
Rev. Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Steven Hobert (interim music director)
Daryl Boudreaux (percussion)
Mary Louise Knutson (piano)
Kemi Ojelade
Scott Beaumont
Ann Carlson

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Pay a Baiwalla Child’s School Fees: A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste!

This will be the 4th Year HAUMC people have sponsored Baiwalla kids' school fees. RENEW NOW! $150 will cover an elementary child’s school fees enabling him/her to attend school. $300 will cover the fees of a child attending the United Methodist Sponsored Richard Ormsby Secondary School. Fees cover uniforms, shoes, backpack, and school supplies for the elementary students. For the Ormsby School students, fees also cover tuition.

Payment can be made online at the OC Ministries website: www.ocministriesmn.org or a check can be made out to Minnesota Annual Conference. Put in memo line “Baiwalla Child Sponsorship”. Send to 122 W. Franklin Ave. Minneapolis, MN, 55404. In addition, A table will be set up at HAUMC for sign ups all Sundays in July.

About Hennepin Avenue UMC

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.

Caring Community

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

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.

Our Practices
Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission & Service
Extravagant Generosity