We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Amazing Grace
William Bolcom

Donald Livingston, Principal Organist

Welcome

Rev. Judy Zabel
Senior Minister

Opening Hymn

O God of Every Nation
LLANGLOFFAN

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
From fear of rattling saber from dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, yourservants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

This Is My Song

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This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, though God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.
**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Stephan Hill

You are the God who hears: **hear our prayer today as those who lament and repent.**

For those among us who face discrimination every day because of their skin colour, **we lament.**

For those among us with white skin who benefit from racist systems sometimes even without realizing it, **we repent.**

For those among us who have struggled and waited so long for the Promised Land of freedom and equality, **we lament.**

For those among us who have acted in racist ways and have hurt people of colour, **we repent.**

For those protesting injustice who face police brutality and a justice system rigged against them, **we lament.**

For those who think racism is someone else’s problem, and not a problem for humanity, **we repent.**

God of hope, show us how to work for justice together, standing up for what is right, stepping in when something’s wrong, shouldering each other’s burdens, holding each other accountable, righting the wrongs we’ve done, speaking truth to power.

**We pray for change, lasting change, for protection for protesters, for a de-escalation of violence and for government leaders who listen.**

Deliver us from evil, within and without, in Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

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**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**
Hymn

Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

Faith and hope in love’s compassion
Will survive though knowledge cease,
Though the tongues of joy fall silent,
Dull the words of prophecies.

Faith shall see and trust its object;
Hope shall set its anchor sure;
Love shall bloom in Love eternal.
Faith and hope and love endure.

Like a child outgrowing childhood,
Setting childhood things away,
We will learn to live in freedom,
In the life of God’s new day.

Now we see as in a mirror,
Then we shall see face to face,
Understand how love’s compassion
Blossoms through amazing Grace.

Sharing the Peace

Rev. Stephan Hill

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.

Our Song Continues

Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

Let us hope when hope seems hopeless,
When the dreams we dreamed have died.
When the morning breaks in brightness,
Hunger shall be satisfied.

One who sows the fields with weeping
Shall retrace the sorrowing way
And rejoice in harvest bounty
At the breaking of the day.

Time with Children

Lynne Carroll
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Announcements

Rev. Judy Zabel

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Acts 17:22-31 (New Revised Standard Version)

Ruth Adams
Lector

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

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!
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.”

The word of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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

We Respond to the Word

**Giving Our Tithes, Offerings & Ourselves**  
Mark Squire  
Director of Music & Fine Arts

Please visit haumc.org/give to make your offering online, or try our 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.
Offertory Hymn

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
let our heart and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Communion Liturgy

Rev. Judy Zabel & Rev. Stephan Hill

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Amen.

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.

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.
Clergy
Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Jim McCchesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation
Gloria Roach Thomas, Pastoral Care & Visitation

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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.

Closing Hymn
Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction & Sending
Rev. Judy Zabel

Postlude
Now Thank We All Our God
Donald Livingston, Principal Organist

Worship Leaders today:
Rev. Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Rev. Stephan Hill, Clergy
Lynne Carroll, Director of Children’s and Family Ministries
Ruth Adams, Lector
Donald Livingston, Principal Organist
Shari Speer, Mary Monson, Jim Ahrens, Mark Billy, Vocal Ensemble
Mark Squire, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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