Prelude

A Child is Born
by Thad Jones
John Penny, guitar

Welcome & Centering

Rev. Judy Zabel
Senior Pastor

Gathering Song

Come O Light
Composed by Howard Hanger
John Penny, voice and guitar

come O Light, illumine our darkness,
come O Life, revive us from death,
come O Healer, hear our crying,
come O Spirit, come.

Poem

Rowing
by Anne Sexton
Read by Mark Schneider

Gathering Prayer

The warmth
of the sun’s embrace
the gentle breeze swept in
by incoming tide
the rhythm of seasons
of new birth
death and recreation

All these speak so clearly
of your love
your power
and your beauty
All are expressions
of your creativity
and more importantly of yourself

As an artist might share their personality
within each brushstroke
so within the myriad colours
of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love
That we can glimpse you
within creation is a beautiful thought
but also tells us
that you desire to be seen
to be found and known

Open our eyes, Creator God
as we walk through this world
feel the wind and sunshine
see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes
Help us
to see you

Blessing the Space Between Us

Scripture
Luke 13:10-17
(New Revised Standard Version)
Carole Jean Anderson

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Song
Agua de Beber
By Antonio Carlos Jobim
John Penny, guitar

Excerpt of lyrics translated to English from the Portugese:

I wanted to love but I was afraid
I wanted to save my heart
But the love knows a secret
The fear can kill your heart

Drinking water
Drinking water, mate
Drinking water
Drinking water, mate
I've never done such a right thing
I joined the school of forgiveness
My house lives open
I've opened all the doors of heart

The Message

From Pitied to Prophetic

Rev. Tyler Sit
New City Church, Minneapolis

Sharing the Peace

Invitation to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Carole Jean Anderson

In a cynical and despairing world, O God,
give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope.

In a violent and angry world, O God,
give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace.

In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God,
give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion.

In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God,
give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love.

In a grieving and weeping world, O God,
give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope, O God,
that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, the
message of your reign which is always coming into our world;

And may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring
grace wherever we may go.
Yes! May it be so! Amen!

Life Together

Rev. Judy Zabel

In Our Prayers This Week

Baptisms
Theodore Russell Gustafson
bap. 7/11/21

Upcoming Surgery
Jim McChesney

In Recovery
Karen Peterson (Back Surgery)

Care Center
Betty Beach (Broken ankle, (Clermont Park, Denver, CO)
Evelyn Welsh
Kate Lewis

Recovering at Home
Megan Hanson
Ruth Lippin

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 for Our Congregational Life & Work
For the children, youth and adults who will participate in Vacation Bible School.
For the Cabinet and Bishop as they discern who will be appointed as our next Associate Pastor.

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

Prayers for Our Nation
For health care workers who care for COVID patients. We pray for people to love and protect neighbors by being vaccinated.
Prayers for Our World
For hope, mercy, justice, and wise use of resources as countries struggle with COVID-19 surges. For citizens of South Africa where there is rioting.

Prayers for Racial Reconciliation & Healing
We affirm the dignity, beauty, and sacred worth of every human being. We pray for humility, strength, and courage to confront racial injustice. We pray for open hearts and the desire to make things right. We pray that we see and love our neighbors.

Prayers for Our Church
We give thanks for those who continue to support HAUMC with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We give thanks for our staff who give their hearts to the ministry of HAUMC.

Song
*May the Road Rise to Meet You*  
(Celtic blessing) set to music by Howard Hanger

May the road rise with you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
Until we meet again may you be held in the hollow of God’s hand

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Closing Blessing

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

Postlude
*African Homecoming*  
John Penny, guitar
Guest Musical Artist: John Penny

John Penny’s guitar style is uniquely woven from a fusion of Jazz, World Folk, Blues, and the Classical violin concerto. With a guitar in hand, Penny tells stories that range in intensity from the meditative, to the outer extremes of expression. His stage and studio performances include those with such greats as the late Jazz organ legend Captain Jack MacDuf, drummer Bernard Purdie, and harmonica wizard Howard Levy. Penny is also a regular performer with Minnesota Blues Hall of Famer Cornbread Harris. His music career includes scoring music for TV commercials and films to include clients Best Buy, Frito-Lay, and The Minnesota Twins. In the Classical music realm, Penny was a winner of the Minnesota Sinfonia’s New Orchestral Works Competition in 2018 with his Orchestral score, Scenes From Heaven’s Little Faces.

Worship Leaders today:

Rev. Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Carole Jean Anderson, Reader
Mark Schneider, Poem
John Penny (vocals, guitar)

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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.
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 of ice 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