

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | October 19, 2025

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
- **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
- on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/@hillsdalefirstumc-45nmanni2>
- on **our church website** <https://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>

Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul

J. Pethel

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

The Lord reigns, glorious in the splendor of his kingdom!

The Lord rules the world and all that is in it.

Though the waters may rise and the winds may blow,

God's power restrains them, and at his word, the tempests flee.

His love surrounds his people, and covers them like a robe.

He speaks peace to his people, and we need never be afraid.

*Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

2. The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

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***Prayer of the Day** *Mighty God, when we have felt overwhelmed by the troubles of life,
you have been close by our side.
You speak to us of your love and mercy, and assure us that you will never leave us or forsake us.*

**Speak to us once again of your unfailing commitment to our salvation,
manifest in the incomparable gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In his name we pray, Amen.**

Proclamation

Psalm 93

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¹ *The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed and is girded with strength.*

**The Lord has established the world;
it shall never be moved.**

² *Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting!*

³ **The floods have lifted up, O Lord,**

**the floods have lifted up their voice,
the floods lift up their roaring.**

⁴ *Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!*

⁵ **Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.**

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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New Testament – Luke 17:20-27

²⁰ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

²² Then he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ They will say to you, ‘Look there!’ or ‘Look here!’ Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so, too, it will be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them.

Anthem

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

G. Matheson /A. Peace, arr. C. Brunett

Sermon Text – Genesis 6:11-22

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.” ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Response to the Scripture This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

It All Comes Out in the Wash

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

***On bended knee with needy hearts we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children.***

***With willing hearts and open arms we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children.***

***With simple words of heartfelt thanks we come.
Believing in your promises, we come.***

***On bended knee with needy hearts we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children, listen to your children.***

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Recognition of Our Lay Volunteers

*From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:
with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.*

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant
and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

*All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love.
It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,
witness and service, celebration and discipleship.*

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world,
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator,
and that all Christians are called to minister
in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

(Adapted from the Book of Discipline 1992, paragraphs 101–07)

Offertory and Church Family News and Notes

*We invite you to sign the attendance pads and pass them to others in your pew.
An offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary for you to use for your giving.*

*Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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*Prayer of Dedication

***Just as Noah trusted your call and built the ark,
we bring our gifts in faith, trusting your promise.***

***You preserved life through the flood and made a covenant of peace,
so we offer these gifts, signs of our hope and gratitude.***

***May they be used to shelter, nourish, and renew your creation,
as we walk forward in your grace, trusting in your promise of unending mercy.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, amen.***

Sending

*Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well
with my soul.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music

G.F. Handel, ed. D. Bish

*After the pastor and liturgist have recessed and the altar candles are extinguished,
you may stay seated or quietly leave your seats during the postlude.*



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MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 19	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, October 19	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Organ practice	10:00 am	Tuesday, October 21	In person – Sanctuary
• Worship Committee	1:00 pm	Tuesday, October 21	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Gull Lake-Guitar Lesson	4:30 pm	Tuesday, October 21	In person – Thursby Room
• Bible Study	10:30 am	Wednesday, October 22	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Midweek Meditation	12:30 am	Wednesday, October 22	In person – Sanctuary
• Love INC Class w/meal	5:00 pm	Thursday, October 23	In person – Lounge
• Gull Lake-Voice Lesson	5:30 pm	Thursday, October 23	In person – Sanctuary
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, October 23	In person – Music Room
• Family Movie Night	7:00 pm	Friday, October 24	In person – Sanctuary
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 26	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Handbell rehearsal	11:00 am	Sunday, October 26	In person – Sanctuary

MISSIONS | Our October mission focus is the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village (BJCCV) in Liberia.

Children from all over Liberia are eligible for care by the village and typically arrive traumatized by the loss of their parents from the effects of war or sickness. At the Children's Village they are offered safe housing, regular meals, recreation, education, and a sense of belonging. A former director shares that the goal of the Children's Village is to nurture these children so that they will grow up loved and educated and be able to confidently move ahead with their lives.

Thank you for your support this month of BJCCV (the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village).

BIBLE STUDY | Weekly Bible studies resume on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in the Lounge. You may also join by ZOOM at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88917951563>, or by calling (312) 626-6799 and providing Meeting ID: 889 1795 1563. Sessions will be recorded, and you may contact the office to get a link to listen at your convenience.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS | Rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata have started. This is a great opportunity for those who aren't able to sing with the choir every Sunday but still want to try it out or just enjoy a limited time choir experience. You can join cantata rehearsals in the Music Room on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. **The cantata will be on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm.**

MIDWEEK MEDITATIONS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 at 12:30 pm | This **Wednesday, October 22 and every 4th Wednesday at 12:30 pm** right here in the sanctuary we will hold a midweek meditation. Each month we will offer a time of reflection on scripture and song. Postcard reminders are available at the back of the sanctuary.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 at 7:00 pm | Invite someone and join us on **Friday, October 24 and every 4th Friday at 7:00 pm** right here in the sanctuary where we'll offer a family-friendly movie – and maybe even some popcorn! The event will always be FREE and all are welcome! Postcard reminders (that can serve as invitations) are available at the back of the sanctuary.



Midweek Meditations

Monthly, 4th Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Reflections on scripture and song

October 22
November 26

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