

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | April 26, 2026

- **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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

G. Young
B. Portman

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

We are fearfully and wonderfully made,
formed in the image of God.

We are the crown of his creation,
his greatest work, and his greatest delight.

Give thanks to God, who showers us with grace.

Sing praise to our Maker, who has destined us for glory!

*Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

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*Prayer of the Day

God of Light, you have created us to be your children.

Through your grace, may we become the people you have called us to be.

Shape us in purity and love, that your life may be seen in us.

Let the glory of God be manifest in his people.

As we attend to your Word, may our hearts be inspired to walk in its light.

As we lift our voices in praise, may our joy be full.

As we share our gifts, may our thankfulness and compassion abound.

Through Jesus Christ, our elder Brother and our Hope of life everlasting. Amen.

*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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Proclamation

Gospel Reading – John 1:1-5, 10-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Sung Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

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Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

¹⁹ The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night,
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall no more go down
or your moon withdraw itself,
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever.
They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands,
so that I might be glorified.

²² The least of them shall become a clan
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Anthem

More Like You, Lord

J. Althouse

Sermon Text – 1 John 3:1-10

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ Everyone who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born of God do not sin because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love a brother or sister.

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

Message

Being and Becoming

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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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.**

Sung Prayer Response

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

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**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.**

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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

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, you have named us your children even now.

Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to grow into that calling.

Shape our giving and our living so your likeness is formed in us.

Make us ever more your children through the love of Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Shine Jesus, Shine

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Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

G. Kendrick, arr. J. Ray

*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.*

Prayer Requests | Prayers for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.

Colleen Fadden, Joyce Potter, Liam Trombly, Cheryl Paul, Lenore Snyder, Al Jagger, friend of Robin Curtis (health), Anna Hatfield (Robin Curtis's niece), the family of Ruth (Harring) Small (Jan Tesch's sister-in-law)

(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, April 26 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Ad Board (if needed) | 7:00 pm | Monday, April 27 | In person – Lounge / ZOOM |
| • Bible Study | 10:30 am | Wednesday, April 29 | In person – Lounge / ZOOM |
| • Choir rehearsal | 6:30 pm | Thursday, April 30 | In person – Music Room |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, May 3 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |

MISSIONS | This month the Missions Team invites your support for Grace Outside, a camping ministry of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church

This week's camp spotlight is on **Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Dowling, MI**, just over an hour from Hillsdale. Wesley Woods' summer programs offer a full outdoor experience on 300 acres of forests, fields, and waterfront. Campers are led by trained counselors who model Christian leadership.

Camp scholarships to Wesley Woods summer programs are available by application through our church office. Thank you for your contributions this month that help support our church's camp scholarships as well as the programming and maintenance of the Michigan Conference camp facilities.

BIBLE STUDY | Bible study meets on Wednesdays 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 watch at your convenience.

HILLSDALE COUNTY

2026 Mobile Markets



Fresh produce, dairy, meal kits to take home. No ID is required for pick up.

Wednesdays: May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, and October 7

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
9:00am – 10:30am	Hillsdale - at the Community Library – 11 E. Bacon Street
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Allen - at the Allen Community Parking Lot – 144 W. Chicago Road (behind Historical Society)

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