

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | August 16, 2026

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
- **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
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Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

Two Arrangements of *At the Name of Jesus*

M. Burkhardt / D. Cherwien

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, behold the Kingdom of God. It is a realm where the humble are truly great.
A place where you must be child-like to be wise.

A land where those who give are more blessed than those who receive.
Where we must die, if we would truly live.

This is our true realm, and our heart's true home.
Together, we celebrate our citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

*Hymn of Praise

Come, We That Love the Lord

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1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.

4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

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***Prayer of the Day** *Sovereign God, you reign over all creation with wisdom and love.
But to us, you give an invitation to be part of your realm,
and to freely accept the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in your Kingdom.*

**Help us to accept your offer with joy,
and to participate fully in the realm of our gracious King,
so that we may experience the bountiful benefits
of being subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven.
In the name of Christ our Lord we pray, 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 – Luke 7:36-47 ³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little."

Sung Response

Woman in the Night

274, v4

**Woman at the feast, let the righteous stare;
come and go in peace; love him with your hair!
Come and join the song, women, children, men;
Jesus makes us free to live again!**

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New Testament Reading – Hebrews 1:1-9 ¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds and his servants flames of fire."

⁸ But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

Special Music

While the Nations Rage

R. Mullins

Sermon Text – Psalm 2:1-12

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear;
with trembling ¹² kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Response to the Scripture

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

Message

A Trembling Kiss

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

At the Name of Jesus

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1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

3. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

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Pastoral Prayer

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

How Can I Keep from Singing

2212, v2

***Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

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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 95

***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 our King, we acknowledge that the gifts we bring
are a poor tribute compared to all the benefits we receive from your hand.*

Our very beings were formed by you, and you sustain us through your daily providence.

As citizens of your realm, we experience freedom, joy, and peace that pass understanding.

And we gratefully bow at the feet of our Savior, as recipients of his transforming grace.

*Accept our gifts, O Lord, and use them to extend the blessings of your Kingdom to those who dwell in darkness,
who are ensnared by Evil, and who rebel against your gentle yoke.*

**May our offering soften hard hearts, heal broken spirits, and glorify our Sovereign God.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

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1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant, that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Benediction

Postlude

All Praise to Thee, O King Divine

W. Held

*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, Al Jagger, friend of Robin Curtis (health),
Jeff Everett, Brad Nisbett, John Gabriele, Robin Curtis

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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, August 16	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, August 16	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Worship Committee Meeting	1:00 pm	Tuesday, August 18	In person – Lounge
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, August 23	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Volunteer Appreciation Potluck	11:00 am	Sunday, August 23	In person – Fellowship Hall

MISSIONS | This month the Missions Team invites your support for Missionary Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa. Before moving to Tanzania, Ngoy worked as a teacher. "Teaching," she said, "helped me see how knowledge can change lives and open doors of hope, especially for vulnerable children. This passion continues to guide my work today, particularly with orphans and children in need, whom I empower through access to education and care."

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT VISIT | We welcome District Superintendent Rev. Dean Prentiss as he shares in our worship service this morning.

JOIN THE CHOIR! | Chancel choir rehearsals resume on August 27, and we would love to have new singers! No experience is necessary. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the music room, and we sing most Sundays at the 9:30 worship service.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POTLUCK, AUGUST 23 | The ONE Team would like to invite the entire congregation to a **Volunteer Appreciation Potluck on Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 am.**

From ushers to counters, from liturgists to tech folks, from singers to kitchen help, we are blessed with a wonderful core of volunteers who serve selflessly each week, often behind the scenes. Please join us in this time of fellowship and thanks.

We will provide main dishes and drinks. If you are able, please bring sides, salads, desserts, or other passing dishes to share.

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