

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | August 30, 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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- 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

Be Still, My Soul / Christ Is the World's Light

D. Cherwien

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

*The Lord is our strength and our shield,
he is our God, in whom we trust.*

*Therefore we shall not fear, though the earth should shake and the waves should rise.
You will keep us in perfect peace, as our hearts find rest in you.*

*Hymn of Praise

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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*Prayer of the Day

*Mighty God,
you have promised to give your peace to those who trust in you.
But we confess that we do not always depend on you as we should,
relying on our human abilities instead of your divine power.*

**We strive and struggle against the troubles that threaten to overwhelm us.
Peace seems the farthest thing from our minds, as we look into a dark and uncertain future.**

*Remind us once again, O God, how you have proven to be a trustworthy guide and protector
through all the trials that have come before.
Reassure us of your everlasting faithfulness to your people.*

**May we hear again the voice of calm assurance,
telling us we are never alone, never forgotten, never forsaken.
In Jesus' name, 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 14:18-27

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sung Response

Christ Is the World's Light

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***Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!***

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New Testament Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Anthem

Peace Pilgrim's Prayer

S. Kirchner

Sermon Text – Psalm 46:1-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,*

³ *though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

⁴ *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

⁵ *God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.*

⁶ *The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.*

⁷ *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

⁸ *Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

⁹ *He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*

¹⁰ *“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”*

¹¹ *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

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

Message

Peace through Strength

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Be Still My Soul

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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, forever. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response

How Can I Keep from Singing

2212, v4

***The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! 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 94

***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

***Mighty and merciful God,
you protect us and provide for us throughout our days.
Your mercies toward us are new every morning.***

*You bring the sunshine and the rain, the seed and the harvest, the strength for labor and the gift of rest.
Great is your faithfulness, O God, unto us.*

*We bring our gifts with confidence that the Lord will continue to supply our needs,
and bless us with abundance that we can share with those in need.*

When earthly powers and ingenuity fail us, we will trust in you.

*We will be still and know the goodness of our God.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.*

Sending

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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*Benediction

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D. Cherwien

*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 30	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, September 3	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, September 6	In person – Sanctuary / Online

MISSIONS | This month the Missions Team invites your support for Missionary Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa. Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, serving in Morogoro, Tanzania. She is grateful for the journey that has shaped her life and her calling to serve children, women, and families through education, health, and empowerment. Thank you for your support this month of UMC Missionary, Ngoy Kalangwa.

CHOIR REHEARSALS | It's not too late to join the choir! 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.

BIBLE STUDY | Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 am in the Lounge and via ZOOM. A recording of the session will also be available on request.

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