

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | February 1, 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

We Gather Together / Great Is Thy Faithfulness M. Burkhardt / D. Cherwien

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The mercies of our God endure forever.

Every creature of earth shares his bounty. The riches of his storehouses are freely given.

Our cup overflows with the blessings of his love. Thanks be to the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

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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*Prayer of the Day

*God our Provider, with songs, and prayers, and readings,
we express our thanks for the many blessings you bestow on us each day.
We joyfully acknowledge that you have shown yourself generous beyond our dreams.
Give to us grace, that the faith we proclaim might be reflected in the way we live.*

Help us to make our trust in you more than a slogan, but a lifestyle.

**Enable us to live without fear, confident that you, who have proven faithful to us in the past,
will remain faithful throughout all our days to come.**

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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Scripture Reading – 2 Kings 4:1-7 *Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.” ² Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” ³ He said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels—and not just a few. ⁴ Then go in, shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.” ⁵ So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” But he said to her, “There are no more.” Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.”*

Sung Response

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

***Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; keep me burning till the break of day.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!***

Proclamation

Psalm 145:8-16

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Choir Anthem

Communion Prayer

M.F.C. Wilcon, A. Pote

Sermon Text – Matthew 14:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

Response to the Scripture

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

Message

Fear of Famine

Pastor Tomasino

*Song of Response

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Juice and gluten free bread are served.)

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 17 (sung by ALL)
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Song (sung by ALL)

The Lord's Prayer

A. H. Malotte

***Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

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Sharing the Bread and Cup

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

G. Shearing

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sung Prayer Response

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(Sung to the tune of #285 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord)

***I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.***

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Response

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 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** *Generous God, you open your hand, and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
You provide us with food, with shelter, and with hope for our continued sustenance.*

**May our gifts be a token of our gratitude, and a sign that we trust you
to continue to provide for us in the future, just as you have in the past.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

God Be with You till We Meet Again

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1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

J.G. Walther

*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.*

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, February 1	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• ArtWorks Music Competition	1-5:00 pm	Sunday, February 1	Various Rooms
• Bible Study	10:30 am	Wednesday, February 4	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, February 5	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, February 8	In person – Sanctuary and Online

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus in February is the CWS Blankets+ Program

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When people experience difficult times, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. Your gift to Missions this month could provide a blanket to our neighbors in need, offering them something tangible that represents the warmth and comfort of God's love when all else might seem hopeless.

\$10 provides one blanket; \$50 gives blankets to an entire family; \$250 stocks a shelter with blankets for use during wintry low temperatures. Thank you for your support this month of CWS Blankets+ program.

BIBLE STUDY | Bible study continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Lounge discussing the book of 1 Peter. 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.

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

Colleen Fadden, Pat Bowditch, Gail Clow, Joyce Potter, David Knowles, Carolyn Billman,
loved ones in TN and throughout the south affected by power outages and winter storms

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

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