

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | July 19, 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

*O Worship the King
Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love*

D. Cherwien
arr. C. Brunett

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

*We who would stand tall must learn to kneel;
we who would be liberated must accept the yoke of service.*
*For we were made for God, and our purpose is to do his will.
We submit ourselves to his gentle rule, for then, we truly are free.*

*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

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1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Words: Robert Grant, 1833. Music: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815. Public Domain

*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 submit fully to the will of our gracious King.
Only then will we 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.***

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. Public Domain

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Proclamation

Epistle Reading – Titus 3:1-7 *Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.*

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Sung Response

Blessed Assurance

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***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

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Psalm 99:1-9 (responsively)

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¹ **The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!**
*The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!*

² **The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.**

³ **Let them praise your great and wondrous name!**
Holy is the Lord!

⁴ **Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ **Extol the Lord our God.**
Worship at the Lord's footstool!
Holy is the Lord!

⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those
who called on God's name.**

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them,
⁷ who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**

*They kept God's testimonies,
and the statutes God gave them.*

⁸ **O Lord, our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹ **Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain.**
Surely the Lord our God is holy!

Solo

He Is Exalted

T. Paris

Tana Trombly, soloist

Sermon Text – Judges 17:1-6 *There was a man in the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah. ² He said to his mother, “The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse and even spoke it in my hearing—that silver is in my possession; I took it, but now I will return it to you.” And his mother said, “May my son be blessed by the Lord!” ³ Then he returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother said, “I consecrate the silver to the Lord from my hand for my son, to make an idol of cast metal.”*

⁴ So when he returned the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into an idol of cast metal, and it was in the house of Micah. ⁵ This man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and teraphim and installed one of his sons, who became his priest. ⁶ In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

Response to the Scripture

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

Message

The Tragic Outcome of Autonomy

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

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1. Jesus, thine all-victorious love
shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove,
rooted and fixed in God.

2. O that in me the sacred fire
might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire
and make the mountains flow!

3. O that it now from heaven might fall
and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call,
Spirit of burning, come!

4. Refining fire, go through my heart,
illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part
and sanctify the whole.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740. Music: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839. Public Domain.

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

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

2200

***O Lord, hear our prayer.
O Lord, hear our prayer.
When we call, answer us.***

***O Lord, hear our prayer.
O Lord, hear our prayer.
Come and listen to 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 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.***

Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Attr. to Louis Borgeois, Public Domain

*Prayer of Dedication

*Patient God,
you have reminded us once again that our lives are not our own.
We have been bought with a price, redeemed from evil powers,
and liberated to serve the Kingdom of God.*

*Rule over our resources, our wills, and our very beings.
Humble us to accept your sovereign will.*

*We present our offerings as a sign of our submission to Lordship.
They are our tribute, given with grateful hearts.*

*Use them to extend your Kingdom and its liberating yoke throughout our world.
May your gospel bring hope
to those who have discovered the bitter deceit of self-sufficiency.*

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Make Me a Captive, Lord

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1. Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.

2. My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.

3. My power is faint and low
till I have learned to serve;
it lacks the needed fire to glow,
it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
until itself be driven;
its flag can only be unfurled
when thou shalt breathe from heaven.

4. My will is not my own
till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne,
it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant,
and found in thee its life.

Words: George Matheson, 1890. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868. Public Domain

*Benediction

Postlude

Make Me a Captive, Lord

J. Pethel

*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

(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, July 19 | In person – Sanctuary / Online |
| • Worship with breakfast | 11:00 am | Sunday, July 19 | In person – Fellowship Hall |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, July 26 | In person – Sanctuary / Online |

MISSIONS | The Mission Team invites your continued support of Henderson Settlement.

Henderson's community garden exists to offer the community food security and healthier food choices. The garden program teaches families how to grow, prepare, and preserve their own food in safe and healthy ways. Participants have also worked together to develop a local Farmers Market to sell surplus food, creating revenue to keep the garden self-sustainable. Thank you for your support of Henderson Settlement and its programs and ministries.

LOAVES AND FISHES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Our church will once again participate in the annual Loaves and Fishes ministry to be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 15. We welcome your participation! We will be distributing socks to anyone from the community who needs them. If you'd like to help with this ministry by donating socks, there are cards on the bulletin table that list the specific types of socks we need. We would also welcome volunteers to help in the booth for blocks of time between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet at the back of the sanctuary if you're available to serve.

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