

- **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

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior
Children of the Heavenly Father*

J. Schrader
D. Wood

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, let us seek the wisdom that is from above.

We turn from selfish ambition and open our hearts to God's peace.

God calls us to walk in humility, like a child who trusts in her parents' guidance.

We quiet our souls and put our faith in the Lord's steadfast love.

Let us worship the One who lifts up the lowly and strengthens the faithful.

May our ambition be sanctified, to serve the mighty and merciful God.

*Hymn of Praise

Children of the Heavenly Father

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1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you search our hearts and know our desires.

Purify our motives and guide us in your ways.

When pride rises within us, calm our spirits with your peace.

When envy tempts us, root us again in your steadfast love.

Shape in us a godly ambition that seeks your glory and the good of others.

Make us instruments of your wisdom, sown in gentleness and borne in righteousness.

Through Christ our Lord,

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

New Testament Reading – James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Sung Response

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

2171

***Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

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Psalm 131

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

Duet

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter, F. Pierpoint

Sermon Text – Judges 8:30-32, 9:1-3

³⁰ Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives. ³¹ His concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech. ³² Then Gideon son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash at Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

^{9:1} Now Abimelech son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's kinsfolk and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family, ² "Say in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh." ³ So his mother's kinsfolk spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother."

Response to the Scripture

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

Message

Ambition Run Amuck

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be

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1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

496, v3

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!***

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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

*All we have comes from your generous hand, O God.
Receive these gifts, and shape our hearts to desire what pleases you.
Use our offerings to build peace where there is strife and hope where there is despair.
Let our giving reflect the wisdom from above, pure and full of mercy.
As we present our gifts, form in us a humble and faithful ambition.
May our lives, like our offerings, bring honor to Christ and blessing to the world.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Sending

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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*Benediction

Postlude

In Thee Is Joy

M. Dupré

*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), Jeff Everett

(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, June 21 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Worship with breakfast | 11:00 am | Sunday, June 21 | In person – Fellowship Hall |
| • Ad Board (if needed) | 7:00 pm | Monday, June 22 | In person – Lounge / ZOOM |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, June 28 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus in June is Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky.

The community garden at Henderson Settlement strives to keep the community healthier. The purpose of the garden is to help families plant a healthy future for themselves and their communities by providing them with skills and resources, and teaching them how to grow, prepare, and preserve food in a healthy way.

Thank you for your support this month for Henderson Settlement.

Joyful Noise!

Register by June 26

Pre-Register here



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