

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | June 28, 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

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
O For a Heart to Praise My God*

L. Larson
D. Cherwien

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, "From that which fills the heart, the mouth speaks."

A heart full of wisdom speaks words of good counsel.

A heart full of deception speaks broken promises.

A heart full of peace speaks calm in the storm.

A heart full of hate condemns the innocent.

A heart full of love proclaims mercy on the guilty.

May our hearts be full of joy and grace,

and let them overflow in praise to our glorious King.

*Hymn of Praise

O For a Heart to Praise My God

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1. O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels thy blood
so freely shed for me.

2. A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone.

3. A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from Christ who dwells within.

4. A heart in every thought renewed
and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

5. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new, best name of Love.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742. Music: Thomas Haweis, 1792. Public Domain.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

it is often said that talk is cheap, and we have discovered this saying to be true.

Too often, we speak without thinking of how our words will sound,

or with little concern for their consequences.

**Help us, God, to say what we mean, and to mean what we say,
so that we can be people of integrity both in our words and in our deeds.**

In the name of Jesus the Christ 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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Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. Public Domain

Proclamation

Psalm 50:7-14

⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.
¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Sung Response

Now Thank We All Our God

102, v3

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858. Music: Johann Cruger, 1647; harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:33-37

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Solo

Leaning
Joshua Lawson, soloist

B. Elmquist/J. Sooter/L. Morgan/M. Maher

Sermon Text – Judges 11:1-6

¹ Now Jephthah the Gileadite, the son of a prostitute, was a mighty warrior. Gilead was the father of Jephthah. ² Gilead’s wife also bore him sons, and when his wife’s sons grew up, they drove Jephthah away, saying to him, “You shall not inherit anything in our father’s house, for you are the son of another woman.” ³ Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Outlaws gathered around Jephthah and went raiding with him.

⁴ After a time the Ammonites made war against Israel. ⁵ And when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob. ⁶ They said to Jephthah, “Come and be our commander, so that we may fight with the Ammonites.”

Response to the Scripture

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

Message

A Promise is a Promise?

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882. 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

496, v1

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, 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.***

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Patient Lord,

*we know that there are people whose gifts are not given in sincerity or from generosity,
but to manipulate others and to win praise.*

We acknowledge that there are those who believe their money can purchase your favor.

But we do not give from a sense of obligation or to fulfill a transaction.

**We give, Lord, in obedience to your Word,
and in the hope that our offering might make a difference in our own hearts, and in our world.**

Accept our offering, O God, and honor our efforts to walk in your light.

**May our gifts be blessed, so that we might be a blessing to people in need.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

O God Beyond All Praising

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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*Benediction

Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising

G. Young

*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, June 28 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, July 5 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |

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

The programs at Henderson Settlement strive to enrich the lives of the families they serve by:

1. sharing the good news of Jesus Christ within their communities through every program they offer;
2. building a house for one family each year and complete home repair projects in the Appalachian area;
3. continuing to provide spiritual, economic, educational, and social opportunities for all ages; and
4. continuing to develop and provide community classes centered on life skills.

Thank you for your support this month for Henderson Settlement, and for all of the ministries of the church.



Joyful Noise!

A Musical Experience for kids entering
GRADES 2-8 in the fall

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Sue Walter, Liturgist