

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | June 7, 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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Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

Two Chorale Preludes on *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

We walk by faith, not by sight.

We can't believe our eyes.

Our ears can fail us. Our reason can be deceived.

But the heart has its reasons that reason cannot fathom.

The voice of God pierces the darkness of doubt and calls us to trust in his love.

Our spirits awaken and answer his call:

“Lord, we believe! Help our unbelief.”

*Hymn of Praise

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

2196, vs 1,3,4,5

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

4. That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

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Proclamation

*Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord,

often in our daily routine or our times of struggle, we lose sight of you and your constant care.

Your presence seems distant, or even absent.

We know that you are always with us, but there are times when we feel very alone.

**Help us, God, to trust you even in the hours of struggle,
and to see through the “shadow of a doubt” by the light of unfailing faith.
In the name of Jesus 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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Gospel Reading – John 20:19-29 ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Sung Response

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

2196, v2

***We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"***

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Psalm 37:1-7

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Piano Solo

Breathe

M. Barnett, arr. M. Hayes

Sermon Text – Judges 6:1-6 *The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. ² The hand of Midian prevailed over Israel, and because of Midian the Israelites provided for themselves hiding places in the mountains, caves and strongholds. ³ For whenever the Israelites put in seed, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east would come up against them. ⁴ They would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the land, as far as the neighborhood of Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel, nor any sheep or ox or donkey. ⁵ For they and their livestock would come up, and they would even bring their tents, as thick as locusts; neither they nor their camels could be counted, so they wasted the land as they came in. ⁶ Thus Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian, and the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.*

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

Message

Make a Believer Out of Me!

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Song of Response

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

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1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
and hope in God through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent;
we know our inmost wants are known,
for we are called to be God's own.

3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving,
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul that trusted God indeed.

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Sending

*Hymn

Give to The Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

2. Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time;
so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

3. Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand.

4. Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

G. Torelli, arr. S.D. Wolff

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 7 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Finance (if needed) | 7:00 pm | Tuesday, June 9 | In person – Lounge / ZOOM |
| • Worship | 9:30 am | Sunday, June 14 | In person – Sanctuary and Online |

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus in June is **Henderson Settlement**.

An important project led by Henderson Settlement is an **annual House Build**. A local family with urgent needs is selected, and visiting work teams spend six weeks building a modest one-story, two or three-bedroom home for the family.

To date, Henderson Settlement has provided this life-changing gift to over 40 families. Participating families must own the property, demonstrate enough income to cover utilities and taxes, contribute 200 hours of labor in construction, and pledge not to sell the home for ten years.

The Henderson Settlement annual House Build offers clear testimony that sharing the love of Jesus Christ transforms human frustrations and distress into living hope. Thank you for your support this month for Henderson Settlement.

BIBLE STUDY – ON SUMMER BREAK | Weekly Bible studies will be on break during the summer.

JOYFUL NOISE! | Thank you for continuing to spread the word about **Joyful Noise! Music Camp**. Encourage **registration by Friday, June 26** for children or youth you know who might be interested. Take some posters and postcards to share with others. Sign up to volunteer if you're **available Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Your prayers of support are welcome also.

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