

- **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

Prayer
How Can We Name a Love

C. Franck, ed. A. Schreiner
D. Wood

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

With gentle hands and tender words, God draws us into the family of faith.

In wisdom and compassion, he has brought us into a community of caring.

Let us celebrate the faith that establishes us, the hope that encourages us, and the love that never lets us go.

**Let us be thankful for family, for friends,
and for every soul that makes God's grace evident in our lives.**

*Hymn of Praise

How Can We Name a Love

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1. How can we name a Love
that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think
or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world,
in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found,
hid in the common place.

2. If we awoke to life
built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm,
assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names,
describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind,
a mother strong and sure.

3. When people share a task,
and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make
or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will
is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care,
and know that life is good.

4. So in a hundred names,
each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work,
at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see,
shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown
and life and hope begun.

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***Prayer of the Day** *Almighty God, you have chosen to reveal yourself to us as a loving Parent,
and you have called us all your children.*

You have made us family by the confession we share, and the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

*Grant us grace, so that we might live in such love and unity that our family resemblance will be obvious to all,
and that you will be proud to call us your daughters and sons.*

We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our elder brother and 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

Gospel Reading – John 17:6-18 ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Sung Response

O Church of God, United

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**May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

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Old Testament Reading – Psalm 19:7-14

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⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me!

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Anthem

Glory

C. Brunett

Sermon Text – 1 John 5:13-21 ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. ¹⁶If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a deadly sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one—to those whose sin is not deadly. There is sin that is deadly; I do not say that you should pray about that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.

¹⁸We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them. ¹⁹We know that we are God's children and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

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

Message

Personal Peccadillos and Corporate Consequences

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Servant Song

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1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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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

Hear My Prayer, O God

***Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;
faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.
Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;
knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.***

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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

***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

*Holy God, you gather us as your children,
a family formed not by our perfection but by your steadfast love.*

You see the burdens we carry, the sins we confess, and those we conceal.

You teach us to hold one another in prayer, and to lift up those who stumble.

**As we offer these gifts, we dedicate ourselves as well —
our compassion, our intercession, our willingness to bear one another's struggles.**

Use what we bring to strengthen this household of faith and to extend your healing life into the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Sending

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Hymn

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
 thou wilt find a solace there.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on *Thaxted (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, Lenore Snyder, Al Jagger, friend of Robin Curtis (health), Anna Hatfield (Robin Curtis's niece), Jeff Everett

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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, May 10	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Trustees (if needed)	5:30 pm	Monday, May 11	In person – Lounge
• Praise Band	5:15 pm	Tuesday, May 12	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Bible Study	10:30 am	Wednesday, May 13	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, May 14	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, May 17	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, May 17	In person – Fellowship Hall

MISSIONS | This month the Missions Team continues support for **Grace Outside**, a camping ministry of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Outdoor summer camps with an intentional Christian community reveal God and his amazing creation and enrich the confidence and spiritual growth of campers, leaving a long-lasting impact on their everyday lives.

Thank you for your contributions this month that help support our church's camp scholarships as well as the programming and maintenance of the three Conference camp facilities.

BIBLE STUDY | Bible study meets on Wednesdays 10:30 am in the Lounge and by ZOOM at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88917951563>. Sessions will be recorded, and you may contact the office to get a link to watch at your convenience.

JOYFUL NOISE! July 13-16, 2026 | Registration is open for the kids and is due by Friday, June 26.

Forms are available from the office or online at bit.ly/2026_joyfulnoise_registration. We're also still signing up volunteers who can help with our **Joyful Noise!** Music Camp. No musical ability required! If you are interested, please fill out and return a volunteer sign-up card found at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!

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