

- **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

Dance of the Holy Spirit

R.J. Greene

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

*When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place.
Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven
and filled the whole house where they were dwelling.*

**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

*Then they were filled with the Holy Spirit,
and they began to speak in new tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.*

**Come once again upon your people, Holy Spirit,
and inspire us to worship with new songs, and to love with new hearts.**

*Hymn of Praise

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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*Prayer of the Day

*God of love and power,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
you sent the Holy Spirit to Peter and the disciples, upon Mary the mother of Jesus, and on Jesus' brothers.
You transformed this broken band of believers into a mighty army,
doing good works and proclaiming the gospel to every creature.*

**Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us,
and help us manifest your grace in ways that all people can understand,
so that all who call on you may be saved;
through 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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Proclamation

Old Testament Reading – Joel 2:28-32

*28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,*

your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.

30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Sung Response

Spirit of the Living God

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 *26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

Anthem

Spirit, Come Down

M. Hayes

Sermon Text – Judges 3:12-15 *12 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened King Eglon of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. 13 In alliance with the Ammonites and the Amalekites, he went and defeated Israel, and they took possession of the city of palms. 14 So the Israelites served King Eglon of Moab eighteen years.*

15 But when the Israelites cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The Israelites sent tribute by him to King Eglon of Moab.

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

Message

Unlikely Hero

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

I Am Thine, O Lord

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1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

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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

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**Answer soon, O God, my spirit faints in me;
do not hide your face, or I will cease to be.
When the morning dawns, make known your love anew;
show me how to walk, for I will trust in you.**

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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

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**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 Spirit,
who empowered a band of ordinary Galileans
and used a left-handed judge to bring deliverance,
breathe upon us now.*

**Take what we offer—
our gifts, our time, our abilities, even the parts of our lives we call weakness—
and make them doorways for your grace.**

*As you turned Paul's thorn into a place where Christ's power rested,
turn our limitations into opportunities for witness and service.*

**Use these offerings, and use us, to accomplish more than we imagine,
so that your liberating love may be known in this community and beyond.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

N. Vetter

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

- Worship 9:30 am Sunday, May 24 In person – Sanctuary and Online
- Bible Study 10:30 am Wednesday, May 27 In person – Lounge / ZOOM
- Worship 9:30 am Sunday, May 31 In person – Sanctuary and Online

MISSIONS | Thank you for your contributions in April and May for the Grace Outside camping ministry and our church's camp scholarships.

The Mission Team's focus coming up in June will be Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. Founded in 1925 by Rev. Hiram Frakes, Henderson Settlement has offered Christ-centered programs that have addressed the basic needs of Appalachian residents for over 100 years.

We are grateful for your continued and generous support of all of the church's missions and ministries.

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! | We'd love your help in spreading the word about our four-day **Joyful Noise! Music Camp** to be held **Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** for **students entering grades 2 through 8 in the fall**. Lunch will be provided.

There are posters and postcards at the back of the sanctuary for you to take with you to post at various places or to use to invite someone to **register before the June 26 deadline**. Parents can obtain printed registration forms by contacting the office, or registration is also available online through links on our website and facebook page, or by going directly to bit.ly/2026_joyfulnoise_registration.

More information about our **Joyful Noise! Music Camp** can also be requested by emailing joyfulnoisehillsdale@gmail.com. We're also still signing up volunteers—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.



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