

# Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | May 3, 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

*Christ Be My Leader*

G. Young

### Pastoral Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

*When the thief would come to rob and to destroy,  
**Jesus comes to bring us life, rich and full.***

*So even though the forces of darkness in this world seek to steal our hope and happiness,  
**yet we still rejoice, because in Jesus Christ, we have overcome the world.***

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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## Proclamation

### \*Prayer of the Day

*Mighty God,*

*you have been our strength and our defender from ancient days.*

*When the spirits of the age have tried to lead us into error, your Word has been our guide.*

*When we have stumbled in our weakness, your Spirit has given us power.*

*When the darkness has made us fearful and confused, your love has been our light.*

**In our times of trial and doubt, give us grace to listen for your voice,  
and to walk in the ways of truth, justice, and mercy.**

**In the name of Christ our Lord 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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### Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

*“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

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### Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 13:1-5

“If prophets or those who divine by dreams appear among you and show you omens or portents, <sup>2</sup> and the omens or the portents declared by them take place, and they say, ‘Let us follow other gods’ (whom you have not known) ‘and let us serve them,’ <sup>3</sup> you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul. <sup>4</sup> The LORD your God you shall follow, him alone you shall fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice you shall obey, him you shall serve, and to him you shall hold fast. <sup>5</sup> But those prophets or those who divine by dreams shall be put to death for having spoken treason against the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to turn you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.”

### Anthem

Guide Us, Lord

M. Patterson

### Sermon Text – 1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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

### Message

Spirits in Conflict

Pastor Tomasino

## Response

### \*Song of Response

Christ Be My Leader

(Sung to the tune of #451 Be Thou My Vision)

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;  
safe through the darkness for he is the Way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me for he is the Life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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## Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Juice and gluten-free bread are served.*

*Please form a line down the center aisle and come forward to receive the elements.*

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 17 (sung by ALL)***  
***heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***  
***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

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## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

**The Great Thanksgiving** ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
*we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.*

**Song** (sung by ALL)

*The Lord's Prayer*

A. H. Malotte

***Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

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**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

G. Martin

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Sung Prayer Response**

*Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*

2219

***Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.***

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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.*

**\*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.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*Gracious God,*

*we have heard from your Word and we have feasted at your table.*

**We have been reminded of your love and esteem for all humanity.**

*We bring our offerings before you with the understanding that our giving does not enrich you,  
but it does enrich us.*

**May they provide for the needs of this house of worship,  
so that we might find comfort, challenge, and forgiveness in this place.**

*May our gifts enrich our world, as well, as they send forth the light of the gospel to our neighbors.*

**Through the Word that is proclaimed and the deeds of kindness that are done in your name,  
may all people come to understand that they are loved by you and by us.**

*Encourage us to give more, to do more, and to pray more,  
so that we might silence the spirit of Antichrist, and make way for the Kingdom of God.*

**In the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

## Sending

### \*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

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### \*Benediction

### Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

D. Cherwien

### 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

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|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Worship         | 9:30 am  | Sunday, May 3    | In person – Sanctuary and Online |
| • Bible Study     | 10:30 am | Wednesday, May 6 | In person – Lounge               |
| • Choir rehearsal | 6:30 pm  | Thursday, May 7  | In person – Music Room           |
| • Worship         | 9:30 am  | Sunday, May 10   | In person – Sanctuary and Online |

**MISSIONS** | This week the Missions Team invites your support for local camping ministries.

Our Missions Team provides scholarships for youth to attend any of the Christian day camps or weeklong camp programs offered at our **local campgrounds**. Supported Christian camp programs locally include those offered at: **Camp Michindoh**, **Camp Selah**, and **Somerset Beach Campground**. At all of these venues, the mission statements express that programs are designed to “deepen one's relationship with God”.

Thank you for your contributions this month that help support our church's camp scholarship program 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. You may also join by ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88917951563>, or by calling (312) 626-6799 and providing Meeting ID: 889 1795 1563. Sessions will be recorded, and you may contact the office to get a link to watch at your convenience.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JOYFUL NOISE!** | **Joyful Noise! Music Camp will be held this summer on Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm.** Volunteers are needed once again to help out with the kids and behind the scenes—**no musical ability required!** If you are interested in volunteering, 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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