

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | October 12, 2025

- **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

Improvisation on *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

B. Portman

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

*In the heavens above, and in the world below,
on the wings of the wind, and in the watery deep,
God makes his glory manifest, his love shines in all that is fair.*

*Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

79, vs 1-4

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3. Lo! the apostolic train
joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

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*Prayer of the Day

*All-Wise God, you have created the heavens and the earth,
the light and the darkness, the seas and the lands. You have made all good things, and you have given them
their proper place in your wondrous world.*

**Help us to find our place, as well, so that we might fulfill our purpose in this world,
and do our part to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

Proclamation

Psalm 148:1-6

¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Sung Response

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!**

62, v7

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

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New Testament – Jude 3-7

³ Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once and for all handed on to the saints. ⁴ For certain intruders have stolen in among you, people who long ago were designated for this condemnation as ungodly, who pervert the grace of our God into debauchery and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I desire to remind you, though you are fully informed, once and for all, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their own position but deserted their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Anthem

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

M. Luther, arr. C. Brunett

Sermon Text – Genesis 6:1-8

When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that they were fair, and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “My spirit shall not abide in mortals forever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred twenty years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, “I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

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

Message

Mixed Marriage

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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.

Prayer Response

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**On bended knee with needy hearts we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children.
With willing hearts and open arms we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children.**

With simple words of heartfelt thanks we come. Believing in your promises, we come.

**On bended knee with needy hearts we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children, listen to your children.**

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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 God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Gracious God, in your great wisdom,
you have ordered all things in heaven and earth.
You have established the courses of the stars and planets,
the rotation of the earth, the coming and going of the seasons.*

**You have established the times of labor and of rest, the seasons of sowing and of harvest.
We have received all good things from you, and we now return to you a portion of our increase.
May our gifts be blessed to bring love and compassion to our community,
and the Kingdom of God closer to our world.
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

*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.*

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 12	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Handbell rehearsal	11:00 am	Sunday, October 12	In person – Sanctuary
• Trustees	5:30 pm	Monday, October 13	In person – Lounge
• Organ practice	10:00 am	Tuesday, October 14	In person – Sanctuary
• Gull Lake-Guitar Lesson	4:30 pm	Tuesday, October 14	In person – Thursby Room
• Praise Band rehearsal	5:15 pm	Tuesday, October 14	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Finance	7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 14	In person _ Lounge / ZOOM
• Love INC Class w/meal	5:00 pm	Thursday, October 16	In person – Lounge
• Gull Lake-Voice Lesson	5:30 pm	Thursday, October 16	In person – Sanctuary
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, October 16	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 19	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, October 19	In person – Fellowship Hall

MISSIONS | Our October mission focus is the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village (BJCCV) in Liberia.

The grounds of the Judith Craig orphanage include nine resident cottages that house children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition to their academic lessons, the children are involved in daily devotions and Bible studies, care of the facilities, and sports. Many graduates continue their education in vocational training or in universities around Liberia, often returning to the Village to serve in leadership roles.

The monthly cost to sponsor a child ranges from \$300 for Nursery and Elementary students up to \$500 for a 12th grader. Thank you for your support this month of the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village.

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BIBLE STUDY | Weekly Bible studies will be on break for the next two weeks, **resuming at 10:30 am on Wednesday, October 22.**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS | Rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata have started. This is a great opportunity for those who aren't able to sing with the choir every Sunday but still want to try it out or just enjoy a limited time choir experience.

You can join cantata rehearsals in the Music Room on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. **The cantata will be on Saturday, December 6th at 2:00 pm.**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, MONTHLY, 4TH FRIDAY at 7:00 pm | Invite someone and join us on **Friday, October 24 and every 4th Friday at 7:00 pm** right here in the sanctuary where we'll offer a family-friendly movie – and maybe even some popcorn! The event will always be FREE and all are welcome! Postcard reminders (that can serve as invitations) are available at the back of the sanctuary.

MIDWEEK MEDITATIONS, MONTHLY, 4TH WEDNESDAY at 12:30 pm | On **Wednesday, October 22 and every 4th Wednesday at 12:30 pm** right here in the sanctuary we will hold a midweek meditation. Each month we will offer a time of reflection on scripture and song. Postcard reminders are available at the back of the sanctuary.