

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | October 18, 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

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Lift High the Cross

D. Cherwien
L. Shackley

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

A light shines in the darkness, showing us the way forward.

A light pierces the shadows, and kindles new hope in our hearts.

It is hope of life eternal, unbounded and unlimited.

It is life in God, which conquers the troubles of life, and the terrors of the grave.

*Hymn of Praise

Lift High the Cross

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

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*Prayer of the Day

*God our Redeemer, you make all things new.
Where there is fear, you bring hope. Where there is pain, you bring comfort.*

**Where there is conflict, you speak the word of peace.
You have made the way for us to receive new birth,
and to be liberated from the powers of darkness.**

In Jesus Christ there is light, and his light is life, freely offered to all the children of humanity.

**Give us the faith to accept this gift of resurrection,
so that we might live as new creations in this world,
and share in the glory of Jesus Christ forever.
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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Proclamation

New Testament Reading – Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Sung Response

Alleluia, Alleluia

162, v3

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-6

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

N. Sleeth

Sermon Text – Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire, ¹⁵ and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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

Message

Zombie Apocalypse?

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

718, alt. lyrics

(Sung to the tune of #626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*)

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favored sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3. The dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thy eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Everlasting God, come down!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.
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Pastoral Prayer

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, forever. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

361, v2

***Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.***

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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 94

***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

*Mighty God, you have entrusted to us
a message of hope for a world often mired in despair.*

You have made us ambassadors of the Good News of eternal life.

We present our offering with an awareness that it is small, and the work is great.

But we trust that you are able to do much with little.

*Let it bring peace to those who are troubled, guidance to those who are lost,
and comfort to those who are needy.*

**May our gifts extend our ministry beyond these walls, beyond this community,
and beyond the days of our lives, to generations yet to come.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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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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*Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

B. Portman

*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, Al Jagger, Robin Curtis,
Jeff Everett, Brad Nisbett, Mike Dix, Betty Fast, Dee Curcio, Ron Boyle
(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 18	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, October 18	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Worship Committee	1:00 pm	Tuesday, October 20	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• SPRC Conference ZOOM	4:45 pm	Tuesday, October 20	In person – ZOOM
• Bible Study	10:30 am	Wednesday, October 21	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, October 22	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 25	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Handbell Rehearsal	11:00 am	Sunday, October 25	In person – Sanctuary

MISSIONS | This month the Missions Team invites your support for the Water for Life initiative in Liberia. Through donations like yours to this grassroots mission project of the United Methodist Church, hundreds of wells have been constructed across Liberia, dramatically cutting down rates of cholera, diarrhea, and other illnesses while saving women and children from walking long distances to fetch water.

Thank you for your support this month for Water for Life.

BIBLE STUDY | Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Lounge and via ZOOM. A recording of the session will also be available on request. Contact the office for the ZOOM links.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA | Rehearsals for the annual Christmas cantata are being held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. New singers are welcome to join us! Invite guest singers from outside the church, as well! The performance will be Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 pm.

DINNER IN A BAG | Recipes for the ONE Team's Dinner in a Bag outreach are available at the back of the sanctuary. Collections and contributions toward this ministry will be welcomed until early November. Your assembled meal bags will be distributed during our Thanksgiving Breakfast service on November 15.

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