

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | October 26, 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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Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

Allegro Vivace from Reformation Sunday

F. Mendelssohn

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, people of God, and lift up your hearts to praise the Lord.

Come, and bow down, and humbly receive his wisdom.

Let us learn to walk as Jesus walked, in gentleness and compassion.

Let us aspire to do as he would do, putting others before ourselves.

In this hour, let us seek a transforming encounter with divine grace.

And may our lives become a living prayer, shaped by His golden rule.

*Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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1. Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

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*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we often make mistakes in our lives.

And even though we know that you are good and merciful,

we find that people are often quick to judge, and slow to forgive.

Indeed, we confess that we, too, have sometimes condemned our neighbors,

either in our ignorance or in our spite.

Remind us in this hour that we are commanded to forgive others as we have been forgiven,

and to come beside those who are despised and shamed,

offering them compassion like that which we have received.

In the name of Jesus 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

Psalm 109:1-5, 26-31

¹ Do not be silent, O God of my praise.
² For wicked and deceitful mouths
are opened against me,
speaking against me with lying tongues.
³ They surround me with words of hate
and attack me without cause.
⁴ In return for my love they accuse me,
even while I make prayer for them.^[a]
⁵ So they reward me evil for good
and hatred for my love.
²⁶ Help me, O LORD my God!
Save me according to your steadfast love.

²⁷ Let them know that this is your hand;
you, O LORD, have done it.
²⁸ Let them curse, but you will bless.
Let my assailants be put to shame;
may your servant be glad.
²⁹ May my accusers be clothed with dishonor;
may they be wrapped in their own shame
as in a mantle.
³⁰ With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD;
I will praise him in the midst of the throng.
³¹ For he stands at the right hand of the needy,
to save them from those
who would condemn them to death.

Sung Response

***A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.***

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New Testament – Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Anthem

O God, Have Mercy

H. Hopson

Sermon Text – Genesis 9:20-27

²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard. ²¹ He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. ²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers.”

²⁶ He also said,

“Blessed by the LORD my God be Shem,
and let Canaan be his slave.

²⁷ May God make space for Japheth,
and let him live in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be his slave.”

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

Message

The Shame of It All!

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Freely, Freely

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1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

2. All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

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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** *Almighty God, we have experienced your grace and mercy,
even when we have been slow to extend your mercy to others.
This demonstrates your great compassion for us.*

**We bring our gifts not to win your favor,
but to acknowledge the favor we have already received.
May they be blessed and used to proclaim the good news
that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,
set free from the chains of sin and death.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, amen.**

Sending

Lord, Speak to Me

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*Hymn

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.*

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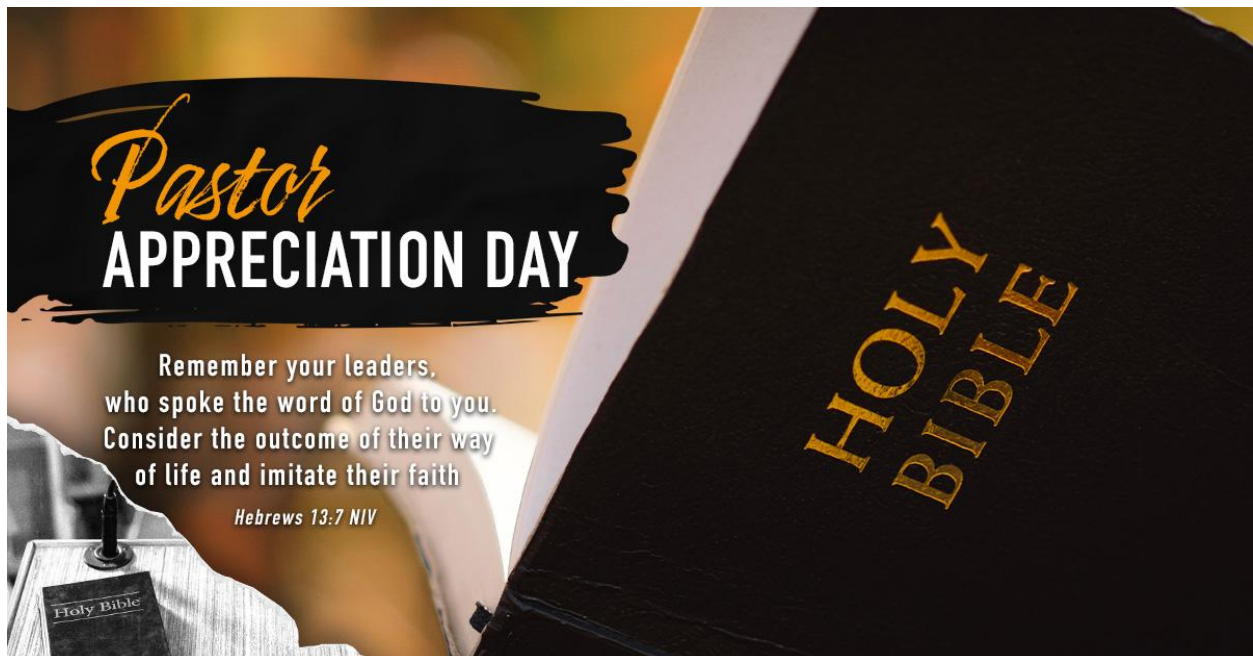
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HFUMC Chancel Choir

Tana Trombly, Liturgist

Pam Laurell, Church Administrator | Jeff Kornak, Facility Supervisor



MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, October 26	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Handbell rehearsal	11:00 am	Sunday, October 26	In person – Sanctuary
• Ad Board	7:00 pm	Monday, October 27	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Organ practice	10:00 am	Tuesday, October 28	In person – Sanctuary
• Gull Lake-Guitar Lesson	4:30 pm	Tuesday, October 28	In person – Thursby Room
• Love INC Class w/meal	5:00 pm	Thursday, October 30	In person – Lounge
• Gull Lake-Voice Lesson	5:30 pm	Thursday, October 30	In person – Sanctuary
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, October 30	In person – Music Room
• CHURCH CONFERENCE	9:30 am	Saturday, November 1	In person – Grass Lake UMC
• DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	2:00 AM	SUNDAY, NOV 2	TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, November 2	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Handbell rehearsal	11:00 am	Sunday, November 2	In person – Sanctuary

MISSIONS | Thank you for your support this month for the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia.

Our mission focus in November and December will be support of Heifer International, whose mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities.

We appreciate your generous support of the church's missions that help our neighbors locally and worldwide.

BIBLE STUDY | Weekly Bible study is meeting again on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Lounge with discussion on 1 Peter. 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 listen at your convenience.

DINNER IN A BAG OUTREACH | A reminder that there are still a few more weeks to participate in our "dinner in a bag" outreach.

Ingredient lists and examples of five bagged dinners are at the back of the sanctuary. We will distribute these dinners at our Thanksgiving breakfast service on **November 16**.

Thank you to everyone who already brought in bags; your participation will bless nearly 40 families.

CHURCH CONFERENCE | A reminder that our Church Conference will be **Saturday, November 1 from 9:30-11:30 am at Grass Lake United Methodist Church**. The congregation is invited to attend and members will have a voice and a vote on the Business of the Church.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | During worship **next Sunday, November 2, we will be marking All Saints Day** with a special time for remembering members and friends of our church who have passed away in the last year. They will be remembered by the reading of their names, the lighting of a candle, and the tolling of a bell.

Pastor Tony also invites people to bring their own candleholder and candle to be lighted in honor of someone they want to remember, regardless of their membership or the year they passed.

Prayer Requests | Prayers for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.

Colleen Fadden; Dick and Robin Curtis; Craig Connor's brother, Gary; Colleen Fadden's nephew; Sharon Dix's daughter, Kim; Anthony, in the loss of his father; Pastor Tony's parents; Jackie Budd.