

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
  - **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
  - on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRIHbHBJ74jhHeLkO4gAs6A?>
  - on **our church website** <http://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>
  - and by **phone 517-247-2477**
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## Gathering

### Prelude

*Fugue in C minor*

J. S. Bach

### Greeting and Announcements

### Call to Worship

*With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:*

**Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

*With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:*

**Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

*With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:*

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

### Song

*Gather Us In*

2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light-years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in - all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination

*God of all our longings, you are the fire that kindles our hearts with hope and possibility.  
You fill us with desire for life, and you hear our voices whether we shout for joy or cry out with sorrow.  
We trust in you and give thanks for your presence in all the stages of our lives.  
Help us to be open to the movement of your Holy Spirit in your world. Amen.*

### Scripture Reading – Psalm 130

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—  
my Lord, listen to my voice!  
Let your ears pay close attention to my  
request for mercy!  
If you kept track of sins, Lord—  
my Lord, who would stand a chance?  
But forgiveness is with you—  
that's why you are honored.

I hope, Lord.  
My whole being hopes,  
and I wait for God's promise.

My whole being waits for my Lord—  
more than the night watch waits for  
morning;  
yes, more than the night watch waits for  
morning!

Israel, wait for the Lord!  
Because faithful love is with the Lord;  
because great redemption  
is with our God!  
He is the one who will redeem Israel  
from all its sin.

Solo

Psalm 139

D. McAfee

### Prayers of the People

*O God, hear our prayer,  
and let our cry come unto you.*

### The 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.

### Scripture Reading – Mark 5:21-43

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

Message

*Out of Options*

### Response

### Song of Response

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

2213

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

2. In the pain and joy beholding  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your visions, God of love.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

3. Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

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## Litany of Healing

*From fears that paralyze us; heal us, O Lord.*

*From illness that strangles us; heal us, O Lord.*

*From sorrows that weigh us down; heal us, O Lord.*

*From aimlessness that plagues our visions; heal us, O Lord.*

**Passing the Peace** *By trusting in God, by turning to Jesus when we have no other options, by crying out to God for healing of mind, body and spirit, we find peace. Please share that peace with others, and practice it now in the congregation so that you can also share it with the world.*

*Please mean it when you say to those around you: **The peace of Christ be with you.***

## Invitation to Offering

## Moment of Meditation

## Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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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

*Healer  
of ragged hopes  
and tattered ideals;*

*Nurse  
of faint faith  
and fractured creeds;*

*Physician  
of listless lives  
and limping love;*

*At evening,  
before the sun is set,  
lay your hands on these gifts  
and on us, that your healing love  
may be extended to the world. Amen*

## Sending

## Hymn

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

57, vs. 1-5

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Words by Charles Wesley  
Music: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839  
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## Benediction

## Postlude

*Carillon de Longpont*

L. Vierne

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP, Sundays, 9:30 am**

Masks and distancing are required. Singing is allowed with masks.

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