

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | All Saints Day, November 1, 2020

- **Live in-person worship at 9:30 am in the sanctuary**

- Livestream at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC> and on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRIHbHBJ74jhHeLkO4gAs6A?> and on **our church website** <http://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>
- Available for **phone-in recording** at **11:00 am** @ 1-312-626-6799, provide meeting #394 134 739

Gathering

Greeting

Prelude

Trio from Variations on Sine Nomine

R. Proulx

Call to Worship

Beloved of God, let us gather in worship.

Beloved are all who worship and give thanks.

Beloved – all who have hungered and who thirst, in body or spirit, let us gather in worship.

Beloved – all who grieve and mourn, and strive for healing of the soul, let us gather in worship.

Beloved – all who feel meek, who struggle for power and strength in this overwhelming world, let us gather in worship.

Beloved – you who have shown mercy, who seek peace, and who stand up for justice, let us gather in worship.

Beloved are you who follow Jesus' way.

In our worship, let us hear this invitation to be known and seen by God.

Come, let us gather and hear again the affirmations of Jesus as we worship.

Psalm 34:1-10,22

Hymn

Lord, I Bring My Songs to You
(sung to the tune of # 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

1. LORD, I bring my songs to you,
every day declaring praise.
All the meek shall hear my words
always telling of your ways.
Join with me your heart and voice,
praise the LORD, in him rejoice.

2. I sought God, he answered me;
he delivered me from fear.
Look to him; your face will shine,
free from shame and from despair.
Lo, the angel of our God
camps near those who fear the LORD.

3. Taste and see that God is good,
sheltering all who love his name.
Fear the LORD and heed his word;
Those who fear him know no shame.
Lion's young from hunger cry;
God his own will satisfy.

4. Come, my children, hear me speak.
This is how to fear the LORD:
If good days you would enjoy,
Keep your tongue from lying words.
Turn from evil, do the good,
Seek the peace that comes from God.

5. God the LORD sees all our needs;
he will answer us in grace.
But against all evil ones
God will surely turn his face.
When the contrite cry, he hears,
saving them and ending fears.

6. Though our troubles multiply,
God the LORD will save his own.
He will turn the wrong aside,
keep unbroken every bone.
Wicked ones the LORD condemns,
but his servants he defends.

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

Hymn

Here from All Nations
(sung to the tune of #727 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be*)

1. Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples,
countless the crowd but their voices are one.
Vast is the sight and majestic their singing:
"God has the vict'ry: he reigns from the throne!"

2. These have come out of the great tribulation;
now they may stand in the presence of God,
serving their Lord day and night in his temple,
ransomed and cleansed by the Lamb's precious blood.

3. Gone is their thirst, and no more shall they hunger;
God is their shelter, his power at their side.
Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture;
Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.

4. He will go with them to clear living water,
flowing from springs which his mercy supplies.
Gone is their grief, and their trials are over.
God wipes away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

5. Blessing and glory and wisdom and power
be to the Savior again and again.
Might and thanksgiving and honor forever
be to our God: Alleluia! Amen!

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Message

From Grief to Transformation

Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

J. Carter

Response

Invitation to Offering

Moment of Meditation

Doxology

*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.*

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Prayer

Passing the Peace Please extend the peace of Christ to each other with a bow and the simple word: peace.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

*In the company of friends and in the present memory of all who have gone before us,
we meet around this table of welcome;*

**in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Spirit.
Hallelujah!**

*...Therefore, the whole realm of nature around us; with earth, sea, and sky, we enjoin our voices
with faithful children, women and men, past, present and yet to come:*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Risen Christ, present to all generations and here with us now,
for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?*

**Our hands are open, yet our hearts are often full of unworthy things.
It is your mercy's power to change us that remains our hope and courage for the living.**

*...For as many grains of wheat went into the making of this one loaf,
and many grapes went into the pressing of this cup of wine,
we who come from diverse origins, are of different ages and genders,
hold varying perspectives on faith and life, are made one in the love and goodness of Christ.*

**May we treasure this unity – alive within our diversity –
and seek to be bearers of its hope, friendship, and peace.**

Friends, let us eat and drink together in the Spirit of God's enduring love and compassion. Amen!

Communion Invitation

Today, on All Saints, we should be mindful of all that have sat in these pews and partaken of this sacrament, of all our loved ones who now share in Christ's heavenly banquet, and be aware of our connection to them through the body and blood of Jesus.

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.**

Serving the Bread and Cup

Taste and See

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Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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Prayer after Receiving

Remember and Naming

In the body and blood of Christ, we are joined with those who have gone before us in the bond of eternity. Today we celebrate some of those who have entered into the heavenly kingdom and are seated at Christ's banquet. We have lit a candle in honor of each of them. Listen as we read their names and ring a bell in their honor.

*Sandy Klingler
Carlene Patterson
Jack Reamer
Gerry Englehart
Jerry Donnelly
Janice Walkup
Andrea Paul
Peggie Long*

*Ruth Huston
Jerry Lambright
Tim Walter
Frank Shepherd
Lee Donihue
Shirley Connolly
Rick Hicks
Fay Wilson
Bev Thompson*

Friends and family, named in our hearts

Sending

Hymn

For All the Saints

711, vs 1,2,4,6

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Blessing

Postlude

Fugato from Variations on Sine Nomine

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WEEKLY IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES
in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am only**

unless changing circumstances
prevent us from continuing to do so.

We will also continue to offer real-time **live-streamed services on Facebook, YouTube, and our church website**, and will continue to offer **a phone-in option** on Sundays at 11:00 am.

You may mail your offerings and contributions to our postal address below.
To set up online giving directly from your bank to the church's account, please call the office for details.

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