

• **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

We Gather Together

Ch. Callahan

Call to Worship

Behold, Loving God, these people are your people.

**At your calling, we have gathered;
by your leading, we have arrived at this place and time.**

As you have promised, your presence is with us;

and we seek your renewal and rest.

Make yourself known to us, Holy Love.

Come, Divine Life, be with us as we worship.

Song

Gather Us In

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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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Introduction to the Psalm

In the Psalm for the day, God is lifted up as the true ruler and king of all creation. And we are invited, perhaps even commanded to bow before God. This is not something we Americans do well, bowing before authority. We are an independent lot. But I thought, what if we laid that aside today and said, "Though I will not bow to any human, I will bow before you, my God, because you are worthy." To that end, I put in three places in the reading for us to bow, whether in body or in spirit, before the one who made us, the one who redeemed us, and the one who sustains us.

Psalm 99

The LORD rules—the nations shake!

**He sits enthroned
on the winged heavenly creatures—
the earth quakes!**

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them thank your great and awesome name.

He is holy!

Strong king who loves justice,

**you are the one who established what is fair.
You worked justice and righteousness
in Jacob.**

Magnify the LORD, our God!

Bow low at his footstool! He is holy!

*Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel too among those
who called on his name.
They cried out to the LORD,
and he himself answered them—
he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud.
They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them.*

**LORD our God, you answered them.
To them you were a God who forgives
but also the one who avenged
their wrong deeds.
Magnify the LORD our God!
Bow low at his holy mountain
because the LORD our God is holy!**

Anthem

Sound the Trumpet, Praise Him

F. J. Haydn

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

God, we still long to see you. We still long to feel near to you. Help us to know with our minds and feel with our hearts that you are here. Move within us until we get us a glimpse of your glory, so that we may leave this place saying, "I have been in the presence of the Divine. I have seen the Lord." Amen.

Scripture Reading – Exodus 33:12-23

Message

A Glimpse of God

Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2.' Tis mystery all: th'immortal dies!
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.

3. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739 (Acts 16:26)
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Response

Prayers of the People

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.**

Hymn

O God Unseen, Yet Ever Near

vs. 1,2,4

1. O God, unseen yet ever near,
thy presence may we feel;
and thus inspired with holy fear,
before thine altar kneel.

2. Here may thy faithful people know
the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.

4. Thus may we all thy word obey,
for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way,
renewed with strength divine.

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Music: from Day's Psalter 1562
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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

Sending

Song

Everyday

What to say, Lord? It's
you who gave me life and I
can't explain just how
much you mean to me now
that you have saved me, Lord.
I give all that I am to you,
that ev'ryday I can
be a light that shines your name.

Ev'ryday, Lord, I'll
learn to stand upon your Word.
And I pray that I,
that I may come to know you more,
that you would guide me in
ev'ry single step I take, that
ev'ryday I can
be your light unto the world.

Ev'ryday, it's you I live for.
Ev'ryday, I'll follow after you.
Ev'ryday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.

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Ev'ryday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.

It's you I live for ev'ryday.
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Blessing

Postlude

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

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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.

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