

- **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?>
- Available for **phone-in recording** at **11:00 am** @ 1-312-626-6799, provide meeting #394 134 739
- Available for later viewing **on our church website** <http://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>

Gathering

Greeting

Prelude

The Heavens Declare God's Glory

B. Marcello

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

*Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another
what needs to be known.
Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.
God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.
It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.
The Lord's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.
The Lord's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
The Lord's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.*

**The Lord's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.**
Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever.
**The Lord's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!**
*They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!*
**They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!**
*No doubt about it:
your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.
But can anyone know
what they've accidentally done wrong?*
**Clear me of any unknown sin
and save your servant from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me.**
*Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.*
**Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Glorious, liberating God, thank you for bringing us together on this Sabbath day to worship you. Nourish us with your word. Guide us into holy living with your love. Fill this space with your grace that is sweeter than honey and revive our souls with your laws that are more desired than gold. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your church is connected through your son, Jesus Christ. As we praise you today, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you. Amen.

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Words for Contemplation

We've heard ten words of instruction from God.

*Let us now contemplate the effects that breaking these words has on our lives:
distance, separation, division, broken-hearted... harm, neglect, pollution, extinction...
disregard, ignore, injustice, impoverish...*

*Hear now these life-giving words:
receive, welcome, reconcile, enfold; restore, conserve, beautify, care; attend, share, compassion, love;
forgiven, forgiven, forgiven, forgiven.*

May these words take root within us and become the living reality among and through us.

Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.

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Message

So Many Laws

Response

Song of Response (sung 3 times)

Bless the Lord, My Soul

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Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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Invitation to Offering

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 (expressed with a bow)

The Great Thanksgiving

May the composer of heaven's music be with you!

And also with you!

Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.

People of God, sing to the One who cleanses us of our fears.

We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope.

...with those who press on to follow you, we join our voices in praise to you:

Your Word opens our eyes to all creation;

your Word is the sweet taste of joy for hungry hearts;

your Word endures through every trial and triumph.

Blessed is your Word who comes in your name!

Hosanna in the highest!

...as we celebrate his life in us, we would speak of that mystery we call faith:

Setting aside all he valued,

Christ became our treasure;

setting aside his own life,

Christ rescued us from sin;

setting aside our doubts and fears,

we yearn for Christ's return in glory.

...And when we stand around your Table, all hurtful words silenced, all pain left behind,

with hope and grace our closest friends,

we will join our hearts and voices with our sisters and brothers

who forever sing of your glory, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Anthem

Come to the Banquet

J. Martin

Communion Invitation

Today we will not be coming forward to receive communion; rather I will be bringing it to you in your seats in prepackaged safely sealed containers that have both a wafer and the grape juice. This change of movement – me coming to you, instead of you coming to me could be symbolic.

Perhaps it is a way to imagine that we are not the ones who first reached out to God, but that God reached out to us – loving us, healing us, coming to us. In this act, think of Jesus coming to you now, in your place in life, in your troubles, in your blessings, and saying this is my body, this is my blood. For you. For you. He didn't just come to members of the religious community, but to all the world. Likewise, you don't need to be a member of our church to receive communion. All are welcome to participate, to receive. To prepare our hearts, minds and souls for receiving what he brings to us: let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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

Prayer after Receiving

Sending

Song

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

(Refrain in South African, sung twice by vocalists)

Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

(English refrain sung twice by all)

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

(Verse sung by vocalists)

*Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hunger.*

(English refrain sung once by all)

(Verse sung by vocalists)

*Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, amid doubt,
Strong in faith, amid doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.*

(English refrain sung twice by all)

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Blessing

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

D. Johnson

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We have resumed

WEEKLY IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am only

unless new executive orders or new local spikes in Covid cases prevent us from doing 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.

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