

- **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?>
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 - and by **phone 517-247-2477**
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Gathering

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D. Wagner

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, friends. Come and experience God's goodness with all your being. Taste, and touch, see, and hear, smell, and wonder, know, and believe. Know that in this place God will hear the cries of every voice and every heart. Come, and let us proclaim together the goodness of our God.

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we come to this place seeking healing, seeking new life, and seeking wholeness. Help us to throw off the cloaks of our limited imaginations, that we might find ourselves forever in your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Songs of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Taste and See

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All:

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.

Soloist:

1. *I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord
for God has been good to me.*

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All:

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.

Soloist:

*2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.*

All:

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.

Soloist:

*3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.*

All:

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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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me—
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;
your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

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Proclamation

Scripture Reading – Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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

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.**

Song of Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts 2157 (sung 3x)
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!

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Message

Restoration? Or a New Beginning

Response

Anthem

Because He Lives

arr. J. Schrader

Scripture Reading – Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

Passing the Peace

*The Lord is our deliverer, our salvation, our refuge. This is good.
Let us absorb this faith into our souls and allow it to bring us deepest peace.
Breathe deep and take in the peace of Christ. [pause for breath] Now share that peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

Invitation to the 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

*Extravagantly Generous God, there is nothing we have, there is nothing we require, there is nothing we long for
that does not pale when placed beside the relationship you've offered to us.
As we bring our gifts to you, remind us of the covenant you put before Israel:
"If they will be my people, I will be their God."
Receive what we give in gratitude for your invitation, and help us be your people,
reflected in our love for you and for all your children.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. Amen.*

Sending

Hymn

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

1. Fill thou my life, O Lord, my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in ev'ry part.

2. Praise in the common words I speak,
life's common looks and tones,
in fellowship enjoyed at home
with my beloved ones,
enduring wrong, reproach, or loss
with sweet and steadfast will,
forgiving freely those who hate,
returning good for ill.

3. So shall each fear, each fret, each care
be turned into a song,
and ev'ry winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.
So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free,
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.

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Benediction

Postlude

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

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