

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
 - **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
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 - on **our church website** <http://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>
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Gathering

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Ch. Callahan, D. Wood

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

We can trust God.

God is like the mountain: rock solid.

God loves all the people:

the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

We can depend on God.

God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

Praise our Loving God.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hymn

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, you have been the dwelling place of your people in all generations; your mercies are more than we can number, and your compassion is without end. Grant us now the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may praise you for your goodness and mercy, receive your word with joy and thanksgiving, and give ourselves again to you in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 – Psalm 125

Passing the Peace

*Peace be on all God's people. Please share
the never shaken, lasting forever peace of Christ with each other!* **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Hymn

Trust and Obey

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1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

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Scripture Reading – James 2:1-17

Response to the Scripture

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

Anthem

Canticle of Love

H. Hopson

Message

Meddling

Response

Song of Response

Change My Heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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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.***

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of holy ways be with you.

May God be with you as well.

Here we may come, to be fed by grace and hope.

Here we offer our hollow hearts to our God.

We will rejoice and praise God every chance we get.

We will sing to our God in every moment of our lives.

*... With those who speak plainly,
with those who have trouble changing their minds,
we lift our songs of thanksgiving to you:*

Holy, holy, holy are you, our God, now and always.

All creation praises you every day, in every moment.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who opens us to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

*... As we remember the One who was willing to listen,
as we prepare to be fed by the One who was willing to learn,
may we not be afraid to speak of that mystery we call faith:*

Jesus died, so we might find our hope in you;

Jesus was raised, so we might find our help in you;

Jesus will come, so we might find our life with you.

Song of Preparation

Remembrance

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me
into this mystery,
say, "Take this bread, take this wine"?
Now the simple made divine
for any to receive.

By your mercy we come to your table.
By your grace you are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember you,
and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship you,
our worship leads to communion.

We respond to your invitation. We remember you.

See his body, his blood; know that he has overcome
ev'ry trial we will face.

And none too lost to be saved,
none too broken or ashamed.

All are welcome in this place.

By your mercy we come to your table.

By your grace you are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember you,
and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship you,
our worship leads to communion.

We respond to your invitation. We remember you.

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord, we remember you,
and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship you,
our worship leads to communion.

We respond to your invitation,
we respond to your invitation. We remember you.

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Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Hymn

Now Let Us from This Table Rise
(Sung to the tune of #438 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*)

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1. Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

2. With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

3. To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

4. Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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Benediction

*As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have been received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be always with you. Amen.*

Postlude

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

J. Bender

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