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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation  
of our communities and world.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.



Saturday, November 16, 2019  
4:00 P.M.

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

### Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."

Psalm 100:3

*Shepherding God, remind us that we belong to you,  
now and forever, no matter what happens. Amen.*



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As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

We Are Chosen                      We Are Blessed                      We Are Loved

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates stand as you are comfortable*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev. Deborah Lerner

PRELUDE                      *“All Hail the Power”*                      arr. Bill Wolaver

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Cheri Whisler

Pastor:     O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**ALL:        Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**  
Pastor:     O come, let us worship and bow down.  
**ALL:        Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**  
Pastor:     For He is our God,  
**ALL:        And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *“Forward Through the Ages”*                      UMH #555

\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)                      Rev. Patricia Magyar  
**God of every time and place, we gather to give thanks for each life that has been touched by your goodness and grace through Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church in 40 years of ministry. We invite your presence here, to guide this celebration, as we lift hearts and voices in worship. Come, Holy Spirit! Come with fire and wind, and fill this place! Come in power and fill each of us, for all you would have us do and be. Make us more faithful followers of your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. We pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER CLERGY                      Rev. Deborah Lerner

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *“Holy Ground”*  
   Bill White

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Jeremiah 29:11-13                      Rev. Larry Gerber

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING                      *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*                      UMH #89  
   Interpreted by Miriam Dancers

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      1 Timothy 6:11-12, 17-21                      Rev. Godfrey Ebright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD  
One:     The Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL:     Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD                      Rev. Lee Hirt

MESSAGE                      *“We’ve Only Just Begun”*                      Rev. Lee Hirt

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE                      *“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”*                      UMH #383

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS                      Rev. Deborah Lerner  
   Ellis and Helen Eskritt

PRAYERS                      Former Clergy  
PRAYER RESPONSE                      *“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*                      UMH #328

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY                      *“Remember Me”*  
   Bill White

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *“My Tribute”*                      UMH #99  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION                      Rev. Galene Boyette  
\*THE LORD’S PRAYER - Sing in Unison

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *“Marching to Zion”*                      UMH #733

\*BLESSING                      Rev. Lee Hirt

POSTLUDE                      *“Soon and Very Soon”*                      arr. Fred Bock

The Mission Candle shines today in celebration of our 40th anniversary. From the staff of SHUMC.