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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.



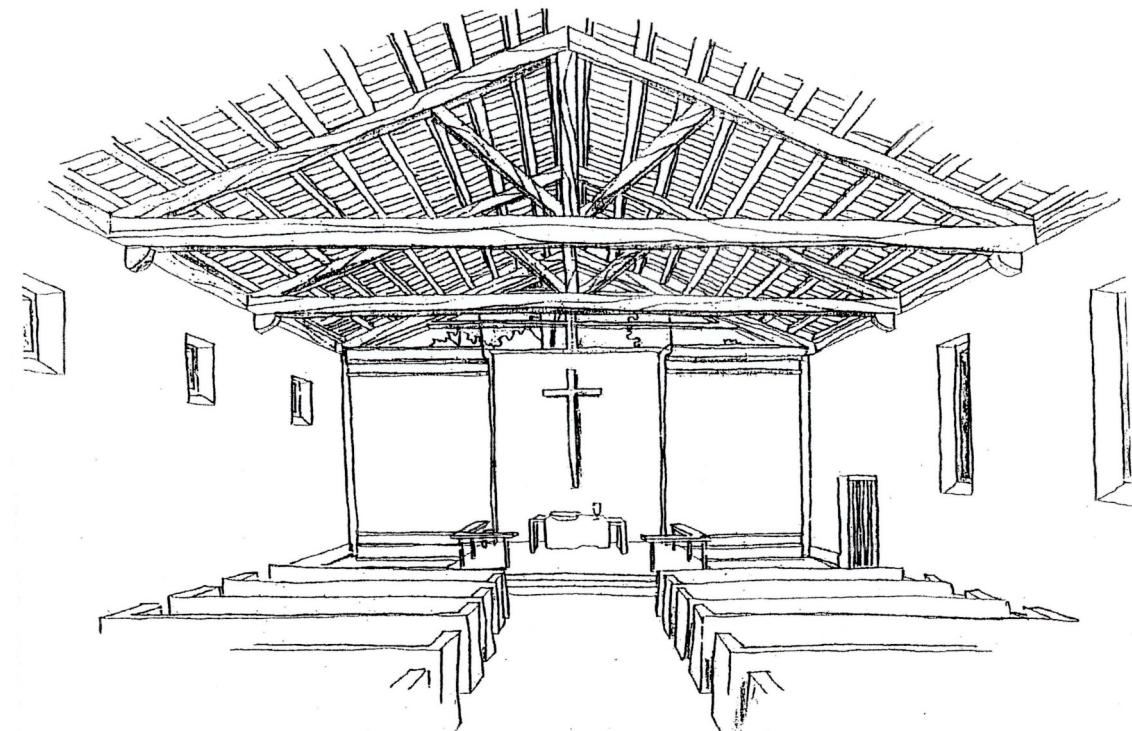
Saturday, January 18, 2020  
4:00 P.M.  
*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

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### **Scripture and Prayer for the Week**

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"  
(Jesus) said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."  
This is the greatest and first commandment. Matthew 22:36-38

*Loving God, help us to love you with all that we have,  
and all that we are, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



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. Lee Hirt

**PRELUDE**

*"I Love You Lord"*

arr. Mark Hayes

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Liturgist

**God of goodness and love, we give thanks that your Spirit is always at work, seeking to bring us closer to you, urging us to gather for worship, praise and prayer. Here, in the shadow of your wings, and at the foot of the cross, we can find healing and comfort. Here we can find hope, possibility, forgiveness, reconciliation and new beginnings. Here we are reminded that we are your children, and we belong to you. Draw us ever closer, and make us ever more your own. Enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth, for the sake of Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.**

**HYMN SING - Your Choice! We will sing the first verse of each.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      The Apostle's Creed      In Unison      Liturgist  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Bill Moore

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Deuteronomy 6:1-8

Liturgist

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 21:15-17

Liturgist

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Liturgist:      The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:**      **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD**

**Pastor:**      Now let the words of my mouth  
**People:**      **And the meditations of our hearts**  
**All:**      **Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord,**  
**my rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Deborah Lerner

*"Three Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God"*

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*"Father, I Adore You"*

TFWS #2038

**PRAYERS**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"I Sing Praises to Your Name"*

TFWS #2037

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *"I Love You Lord"*  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*  
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bill Moore  
UMH #95  
Liturgist

**THE LORD'S PRAYER - Unison**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

TFWS #2158

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**      *"I Will Serve Thee"*

arr. Fred Bock

Liturgist

Elaine Biondo

Our Shepherd's Love is extended to Ellie Tapscott at the news of the death of her husband, Jo on January 12, 2020. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.