

Our Shepherd's Love is extended to the family of Ruth Soderstrom, who passed away August 23, 2019. Memorial arrangements are pending.

Our Shepherd's Love is extended to the family of Roberta Kaye, who passed away August 29, 2019. Memorial arrangements are pending.

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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, August 31, 2019

4:00 P.M.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

United Methodist Church

13658 W. Meeker Blvd.

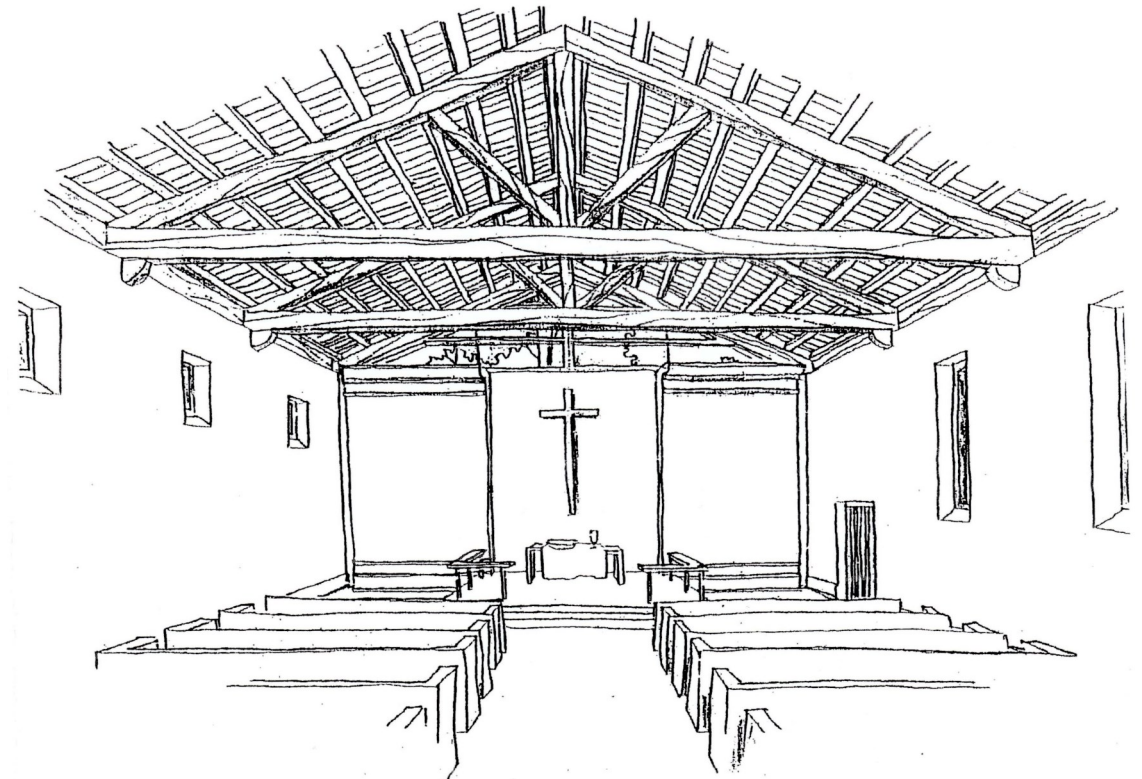
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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"....Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39

Lord, help me to believe in your persistent, unfailing love for all your children, including even me. Amen.



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Indicates stand as you are comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Deborah Lerner

PRELUDE

"In Christ Alone"

arr. Bill Wolaver

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Liturgist

God of light and life and love, it is a mystery that you want us to be your children, but you do. It is a mystery that you love us in spite of all we are and do, but you do. It is a mystery that you invite us to abundant life now and forever, but you do. We confess our unworthiness; our failures to love; our inattention to your loving invitation. Forgive us, one more time, as only you can do. Restore us, renew us and come among us with power. Make us your own. We pray in Jesus' 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

"Sunshine in My Soul"

Singing Shepherds

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:35-39

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

"No Failing Grades"

Rev. Deborah Lerner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Tribute"

UMH #99

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"I Saw the Light"

Singing Shepherds

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (spoken responses)

UMH #13

THE LORD'S PRAYER - To be sung, the Malotte version

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION –In Unison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself so completely to us. Grant that we may go out in the strength of your steadfast spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH #384

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Liturgist

Elaine Biondo

Our Mission Candle shines today in honor and celebration of Yosanda Broughton's 101st Birthday on August 30. Love Margaret and Bryan McIntyre.

Our Mission Candle shines today in honor and celebration of the 62nd Wedding Anniversary on August 31st, of Paul and Gretchen Phillips.

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