

Our Mission Candle shines today in honor of LaVerne Erickson's 97th Birthday on July 3. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren said, "We are so grateful and blessed to have such an amazing woman in our lives!"

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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, July 6, 2019

4:00 P.M.

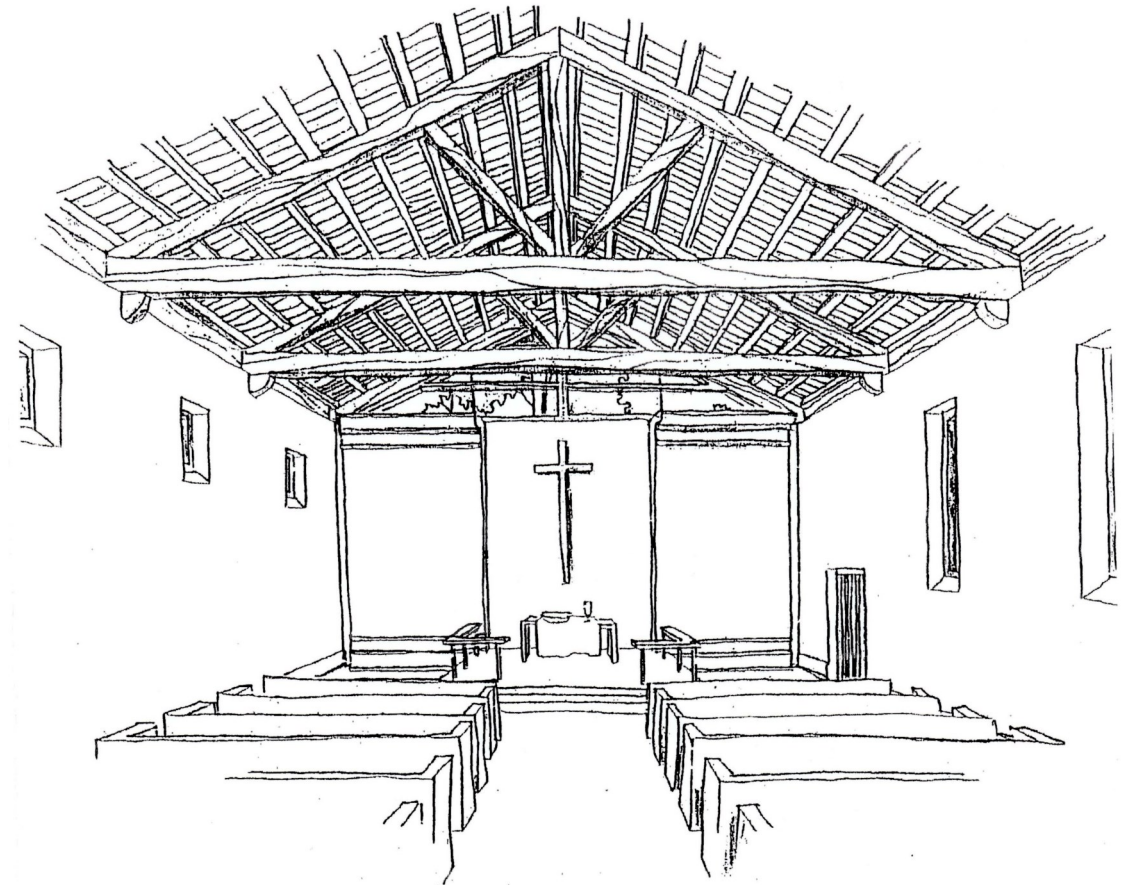
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"Blessed are the poor in spirit. *Matthew 5:3*

Gracious Lord, remind us that your love does not end because we do not have what others have; because our spirits are weary; or because we have lost hope. Your blessing is never lifted. Help us live as those who are blessed, no matter what. Amen.



ORDER OF WORSHIP		
* Indicates stand as you are comfortable		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Deborah Lerner	
PRELUDE	<i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i>	arr. Bock/Rouse
OPENING PRAYER—In Unison	Liturgist	
God of all nations, we gather today in gratitude for this great nation, which ensures our freedom to worship when and as we please. For all who bravely stood to declare our independence; for all who have fought to defend it; for all who bravely stand today, we give you thanks. Our courageous beginning declared our intention to care for all people as you do in Christ. We confess our failure to live into the fullness of this vision. Forgive us, we pray. Give us new hearts to care. Keep us mindful of who and whose we are, for the sake of Jesus, who cared most for the last, the lost and the least. Amen.		
*HYMN SING	<i>“America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”</i> <i>“America the Beautiful”</i>	UMH #697 vs 1, 4 UMH #696
*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	<i>“God Bless America”</i> Bill Moore	by Irving Berlin
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 5:1-12	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	<i>“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor . . .”</i>	Rev. Deborah Lerner
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Blest Are They”</i>	TFWS #2155
GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	<i>“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor”</i>	Bill Moore
*SONG OF PRAISE	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	UMH #95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Liturgist
THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (spoken responses)		UMH #15
THE LORD’S PRAYER - In Unison		
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 great mystery in which you have given yourself so completely to us. Grant that we may go forth in the strength of your steadfast spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus. Amen.		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>“For the Healing of the Nations”</i>	UMH #428
*BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	<i>“For All The Saints”</i>	arr. Fred Bock
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Liturgist		Pam Rice