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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.



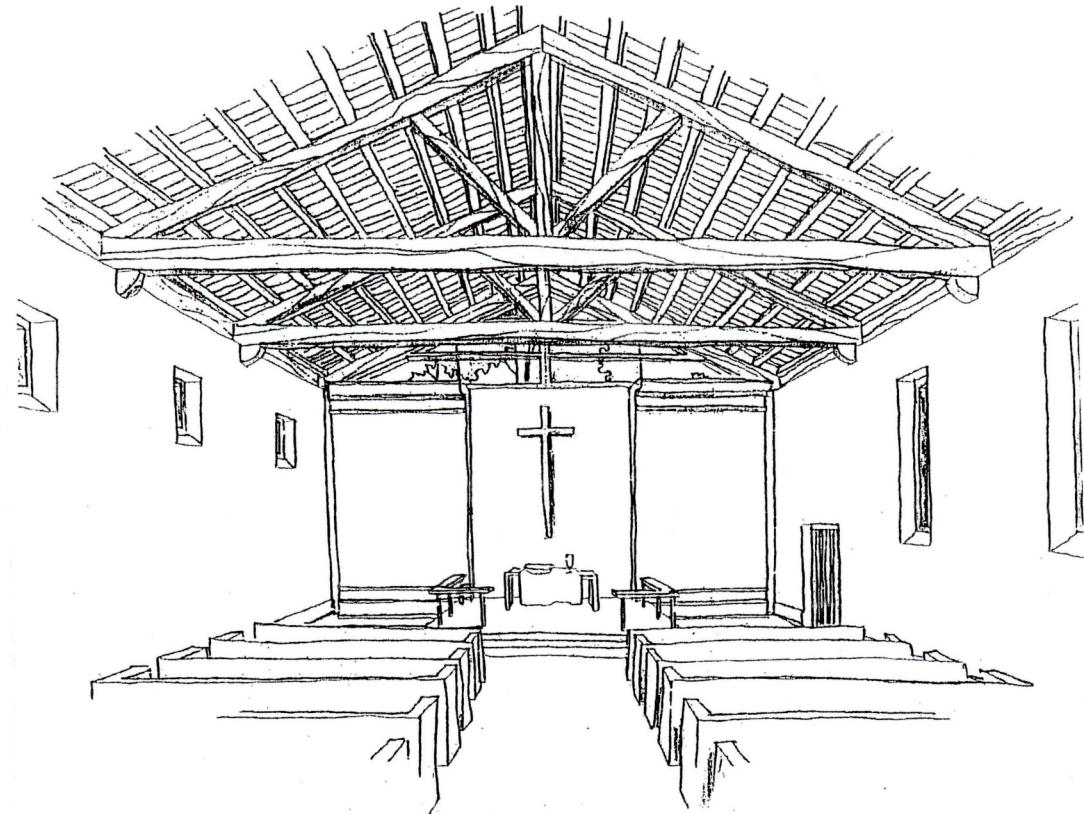
Saturday, August 24, 2019
4:00 P.M.
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

United Methodist Church
13658 W. Meeker Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
Matthew 9:13

*Gracious God, thank you for caring enough for me to call me,
in spite of all I am, in spite of all I've done.
I am yours. 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 "Trust in God" medley arr. Jim Hammerly

OPENING PRAYER—In Unison Liturgist

God of grace and goodness, as we gather, we confess that we are not worthy to be your children, but we are. We often act as if you do not exist, or do not matter. We fail to respond to your call; and ignore the needs of others, especially the poor. We hold on to our grudges as if they were pleasing to you. We insist on doing things our own way, even when we know it is not your way. Forgive us, we pray. Thank you for loving us anyway, and for giving us second, third and tenth chances to start over. Give us that second chance today, and enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth, for the sake of Jesus. 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 "Victory in Jesus" arr. Bartlett
Rachel Bartlett, Shirley Fiske, Patt Prill

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:9-13 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 "Losers Welcome" Rev. Deborah Lerner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Spirit Song" UMH #347

PRAYERS PRAYER RESPONSE "Something Beautiful" UMH #394

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY "Because He Lives" arr. Gaither

Rachel Bartlett, Shirley Fiske, Patt Prill

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Liturgist

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH #344

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE "All For Jesus" arr. Fred Bock

Liturgist Elaine Biondo