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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.



Sunday, July 21, 2019

10:00 A.M.

"Spirited Traditional Service"

Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

*Gracious God, thank you for loving us even when we get it wrong,
even when we refuse to get it right. Thank you for the gift of Jesus,
whose love restores our relationship with you. We pray in his name. Amen.*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates stand as you are comfortable*

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Lee Hirt

PRELUDE "All People Who On Earth Do Dwell" arr. Mark Hayes

*OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

*OPENING PRAYER—In Unison Liturgist
Gracious God, we give thanks that you love us just as we are but do not leave us that way. We are grateful for your Spirit, always at work in us to make us more like Christ. We confess our reluctance to allow this work in our hearts and lives; our preference to do things our way; our resistance to your transforming love. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us, yet again, a new start, rooted and grounded in you. We pray in Jesus' name, and for his sake . Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "God of Wonders"
Ken, Brenda and Kendra Goodenberger

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:23-26 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 "When You Are SO SURE . . ." Rev. Deborah Lerner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH #357 vs 1, 2, 5, 6

PRAYERS Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
PRAYER RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Ken, Brenda and Kendra Goodenberger

*SONG OF PRAISE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
*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 "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Fred Bock

Prayer Ministers will be available at the front of the church for personal prayer.

Liturgist John Riddle

The Mission Candle shines today for Marlene Northup, in honor of her birthday.
Much love, your husband Richard.