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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 17, 2019  
4:00 P.M.  
*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

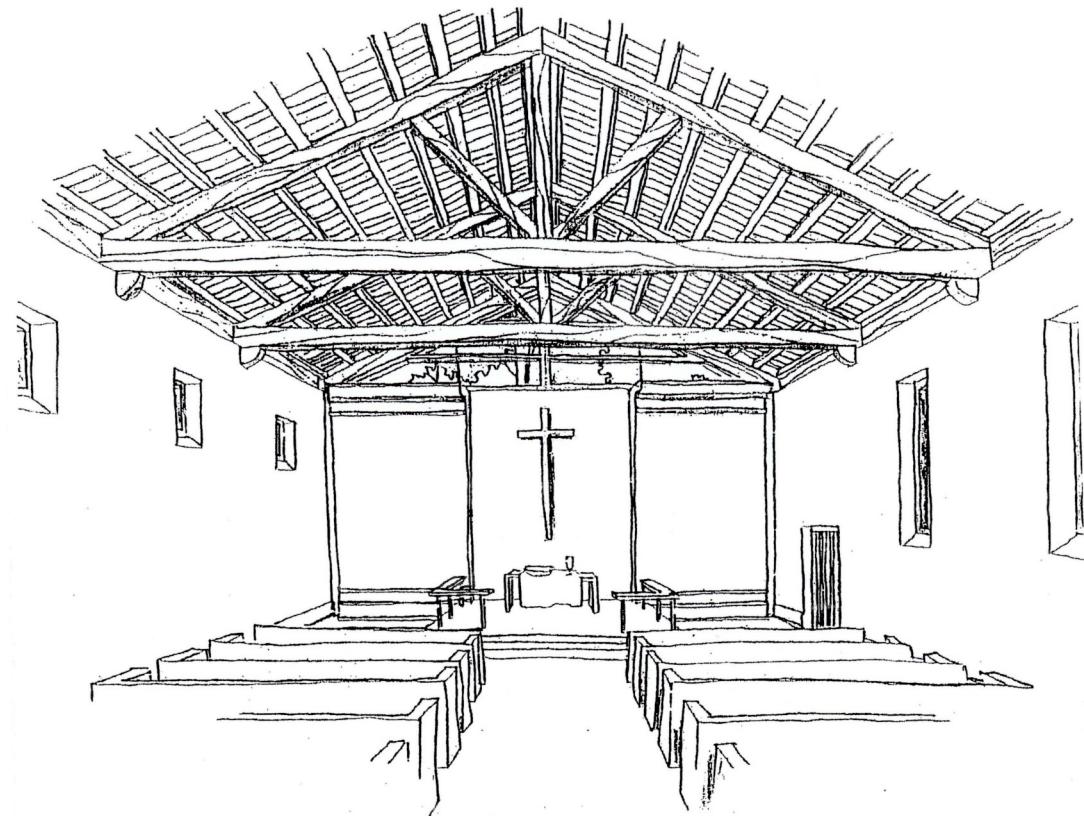
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#### **Scripture and Prayer for the Week**

*"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

*John 9:25b*

*Open our eyes, Lord, to see your work in the world;  
to celebrate your goodness and grace;  
to acknowledge your power to bring sight to the blind,  
healing to the sick, release to the captives. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 "A Simple Celebration" arr. Brian Johnson  
Bell Ensemble

OPENING PRAYER—In Unison Liturgist

**Almighty and Everlasting God, we sing your praises, and acknowledge your power to create, sustain, heal and make whole. Sometimes we forget, and having forgotten, fail to experience a miracle. Remind us, Gracious Lord. Come among us with power, and make yourself known to us. Humble us, amaze us, confirm us, and fill us with your love, to share with the world. We pray in Jesus' name, and for his sake. 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 "How Majestic is Your Name" Bill Moore

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-23 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	"Derailed by the Church"	Rev. Deborah Lerner
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	"He Touched Me"	UMH #367
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
4:00 PM Bob & Peggy McWilliams Wong Soon	10:00 AM Pam Cutter Bonnie Rast Judy Reed	
PRAYERS		
PRAYER RESPONSE	"Something Beautiful"	UMH #394
GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	"Healing Grace"	Bill Moore
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Liturgist
*THE LORD'S PRAYER - In Unison <b>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.</b>		
*CLOSING HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	UMH #77
*BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	arr. Fred Bock

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Liturgist Mary Giese

The Mission Candle shines today in loving memory of my step-daughter, Geri Ashworth, who passed away August 10 in Seattle, Washington. From Daphne Gillespie.