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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, January 4, 2020
4:00 P.M.
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

United Methodist Church
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Sun City West, AZ 85375
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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

“Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another,
but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block
or hindrance in the way of another.” Romans 14:13

*God of love, give us hearts of love that are willing to set aside our preferences
for the sake of a brother or sister in Christ.
We pray in his name, and for his sake. Amen.*



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

We Are Chosen

We Are Blessed

We Are Loved

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Indicates stand as you are comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

THE COMING OF THE WISE MEN

*OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of all times and places, as we begin a new year in this place we give thanks for the wise men, whose journey shows us that all are welcome at the manger. We confess that we are not always as welcoming as you. We draw lines, build walls and make rules to keep people out, even as we try to follow your way and do your will. In Christ you erase our lines, break down our walls, and challenge our rules, just as you placed a star in the sky so long ago, to guide unwelcome strangers from strange lands into the circle of his love. As we begin a new year, awaken us to the fullness of your goodness and grace. Redeem us, renew us and make us into beacons of light and hope for those who struggle to find a place in our world. Give us welcoming hearts, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Singing Shepherds

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:13-23

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 *"Three Simple Rules: Do No Harm"*

Rev. Deborah Lerner

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Living for Jesus"* Singing Shepherds

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Refrain only)* UMH #238

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Sung in Unison

Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 for us and for your children everywhere. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your steadfast spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* UMH #220

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *"All Hail, King Jesus!"*

arr. Fred Bock

Liturgist

Clark Root

Our Shepherd's Love is extended to the family and friends of Robert Grant who died on December 27, 2019. A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

Our Shepherd's Love is extended to the family and friends of Susan Bowman who died on December 27, 2019. A Memorial Service is planned for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel.