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~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary II"

– William P. Rowan

THE BELL – SILENCE

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: We gather together to worship the God of our ancestors—  
the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses.

**Many: God heard the cries of God's people and came to their aid.**

One: God hears us too and meets us on holy ground, calling us follow.

**Many: God invites us to leave our selfish ways behind and discover  
what it means to truly live.**

One: Let's worship together

\*SONG

"Crashing Waters at Creation"



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.



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\*indicates all who are able, please stand

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

"In All Our Living"

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

In all our liv - ing we be - long to God,  
 God sent Christ Je - sus to be our sha - lom,  
 and in our dy - ing we are still with God,  
 to show us mer - cy and heal - ing love;  
 So, wheth - er liv - ing, or wheth - er dy - ing,  
 So in our liv - ing, and in our dy - ing,  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 Christ is our sha - lom; Christ is our sha - lom.

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ANTHEM

"Wade in the Water"

arr. Moses Hogan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE

“Go Down Moses”

Unison Harmony

When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go,  
 "Thus spoke our God" bold Mo - ses said, let my peo-ple go,  
 No more in bond - age shall they toil,

Unison Harmony Refrain

Op - pressed so hard they could not stand let my people go. Go down,  
 If not I'll smite your first - born dead, let my people go. Go down,  
 Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Go down

Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: let my people go.  
 Mo-ses

African American Spiritual, harm John W. Work

THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Romans 14:7-10

[\(click here to follow along\)](#)

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:19-31

[\(click here to follow along\)](#)

SERMON “Go Forward and Live”

SONG “Miriam’s Song”

COMMUNITY BUILDING – Announcements

FAITH IN ACTION *Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice*

OUR OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on "Stuttgart"

- James Gilbert

SONG

"Who Is Like Our God"



Who, who, who is like our God, who, with might - y



hand, did part the sea? Who, who, who is like our



God, who, with might - y hand, did part the sea?



All the na - tions will hear what God has done for us,



and will trem - ble to see such signs and won - ders.



Let God's peo - ple praise and sing, dance with joy and tam-bou-rines.



Let them say, "Who, who is like our God?"

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\*BENEDICTION

\*AFFIRMATION

"The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ↓ ↓  
The trees of the field will clap their hands. ↓ ↓  
The trees of the field will clap their hands, ↓ ↓  
while you go out with joy.

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on an Original Antiphon"

- Christopher Uehlein

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of our late mothers – Mildred Frances Almgren Holt and Kathryn Belle Ward Baird (who shared a September 18th birthday) by Larry and Carol Holt.*

**Welcome** to all worshipping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During worship, child care services are available in the church nursery for those under three years of age. Baby changing tables are available in the unisex bathrooms.

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. David Bahr
<i>Minister for Congregational Care</i>	Rev. Janalee Borja
<i>Liturgist</i>	Youth Group
<i>Director of Instrumental Music</i>	Kristopher Abels
<i>Director of Vocal Music</i>	Angelica Eclar
<i>Director of Ministry with Children and Families</i>	Artcel Ruiz
<i>Youth Leader</i>	Fiona Case
<i>Worship Technologies Coordinator</i>	Saige Afalava
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Elizabeth Quiñones
<i>Sexton</i>	Gloria Schacht
<i>Nursery Attendants</i>	Gloria Schacht & Jianna Ruiz
<i>ASL Interpreter</i>	Melissa Smith

### **Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events**

<b>September</b>	<b>Mission Partner: Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice</b>
Monday, 9/18	Book group on Braiding Sweetgrass led by Sue Lowery, 6:30 pm, zoom
Tuesday, 9/19	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 9/21	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 9/24	Bylaw Briefings, 11:15 am, Commons Advent Book Stories, 11:15 am, Chapel
Monday, 9/25	Book group on Braiding Sweetgrass led by Sue Lowery, 6:30 pm, zoom
<b>October</b>	<b>Mission Partner: UCC Neighbors in Need</b>
Sunday, 10/1	World Communion Sunday Bylaw Briefings, 11:15 am, Commons
Friday, 10/6	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Saturday, 10/7	Blessing of the Animals, 10 am, Parking Lot Hymns & Beer night, 6:30 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 10/8	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, 10/11	JFS Migrant Shelter Tour, 2-3 pm
Sunday, 10/15	Partnership 40th Anniversary Picnic at Mission Bay, DeAnza Cove, 1-3 pm
Tuesday, 10/17	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 10/19	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Fri. 10/20 - Sun. 10/22	MHUCC All Generations Weekend at Pilgrim Pines
Sunday, 10/29	Stewardship Begins Pumpkin Carving, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**For all events, visit our online calendar:** <https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar-of-events/>