

MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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~ Staff Appreciation Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Inception"

—Jason W. Krug

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

Psalm 16 adapted from *Psalms for Praying* by Nan Merrill

One: Walk beside the Spirit of Truth and celebrate the Light.

**All: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

One: Do not be afraid or fall into a pit of despair. In Love's presence there is fullness of joy.

**All: God is our Beloved, in whom we live and move and have our being.**

One: Let songs of joy well up from within.

**All: And let us worship God!**

\*SONG

"Familia"

<sup>1</sup> Come with singing, bring your voice  
Come with laughter, bring your joy  
Let's come together and worship our God  
(repeat)

**CHORUS:**

*Todos juntos*

**We are a family, the family of God**  
**Somos familia, familia de Dios**  
**We are a family, the family of God**  
**Somos familia, familia de Dios**

<sup>2</sup> Tear down borders, build a home  
Tear down hatred, build a throne  
Let's come together and worship the Lord  
(repeat)

**CHORUS**

*This is how the kingdom comes*  
*Venga tu reino, venga tu reino*  
(repeat)

**CHORUS**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

email requests to: [prayer@missionhillsucc.org](mailto:prayer@missionhillsucc.org)

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.**

*\*indicates all who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE

“Rain Down”

Rain down; rain down; rain down your  
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain  
 down; rain down your love, God of life.

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ANTHEM

“Walking Down That Glory Road”

- Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE James 3:13-18

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

\*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

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

SERMON

“Bless Her Heart”

SONG

“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING - Announcements

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS - Staff Recognition

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Ode to Joy" – arr by Doris Gazda and Larry Clark

SONG "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" [page 4](#)

\*BENEDICTION

\*AFFIRMATION "O May the Peace of God"

*"O may the peace of God be with you evermore;  
and may the power of God's great love your soul again restore,  
and may you always know God's never ending care,  
and feel God's gracious spirit upon you everywhere."*

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POSTLUDE "The Rock of Salvation" – Franklin Ritter

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**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.

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<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. David Bahr
<i>Minister for Congregational Care</i>	Rev. Courtney Mys
<i>Liturgist</i>	Danny, Ben, Alex, Claudia, Jonathan
<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>Director of Ministry with Youth</i>	Fiona Case
<i>Worship Technologies Coordinator</i>	Saige Afalava
<i>Worship Technical Assistants</i>	Devin Buss & Trevor Norkowski
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Elizabeth Quiñones
<i>Sexton</i>	Gloria Schacht
<i>Nursery Attendants</i>	Jianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski
<i>ASL Interpreter</i>	Sendy Medina
<i>Youth Orchestra: Ben, Claudia, Jonathan, George, Alex (from KCC), Simone (from KCC)</i>	

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Every Week:

Sundays - ReExamining Our Faith Book Study - 9 am - Commons  
Tuesdays - Men's Group - 6:30 pm - Commons  
Thursdays - Lunch and Lectionary Bible Study - Noon – Zoom  
Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm, Chapel  
Saturdays - Gentle Yoga - 10 am, Chapel

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

# "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.  
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,