

MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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April 13, 2025

~ Palm Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.

PROCESSION WITH UMC ALONG FORT STOCKTON

*SONG

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

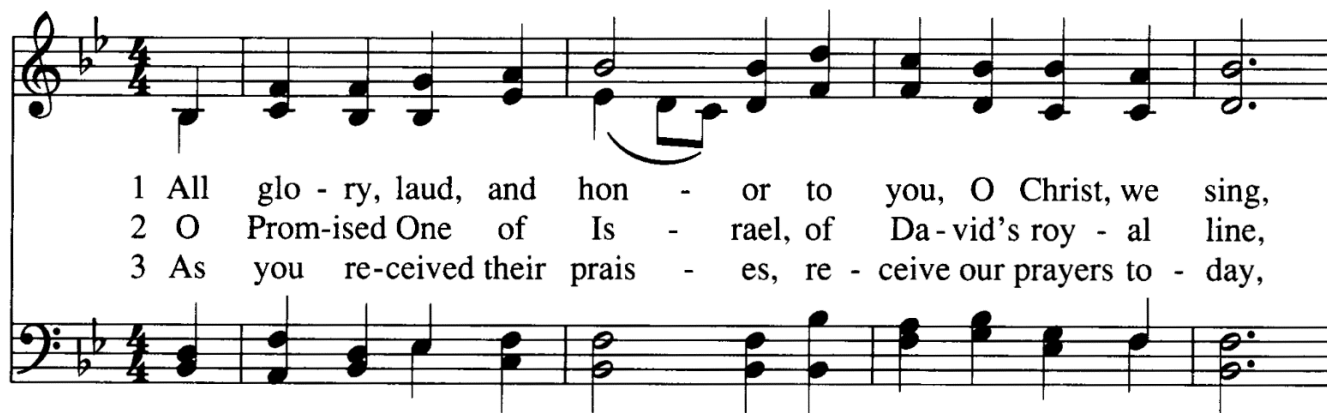
Tune "ELLACOMBE" *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784*

*indicates all who are able, please stand

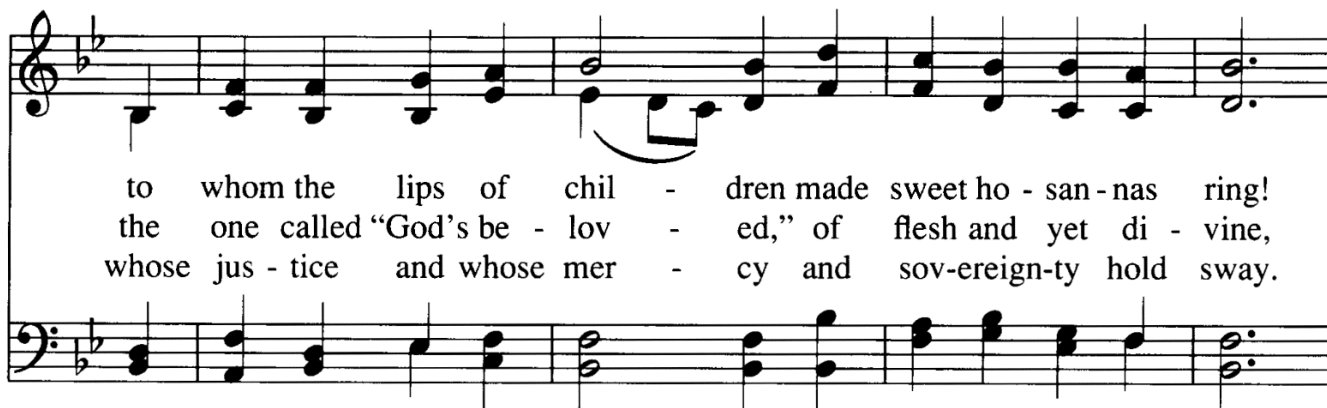
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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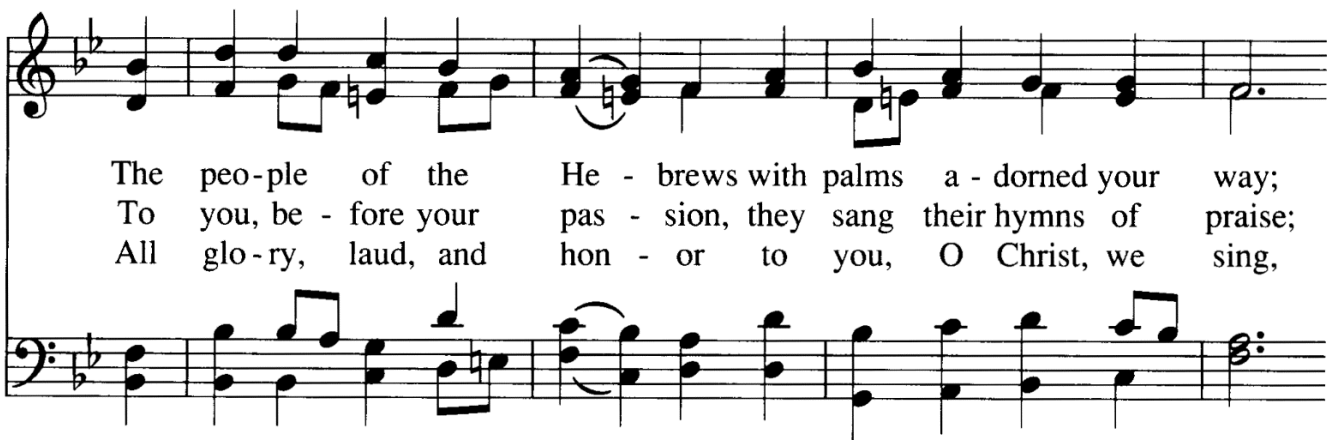
"All Glory Laud and Honor"



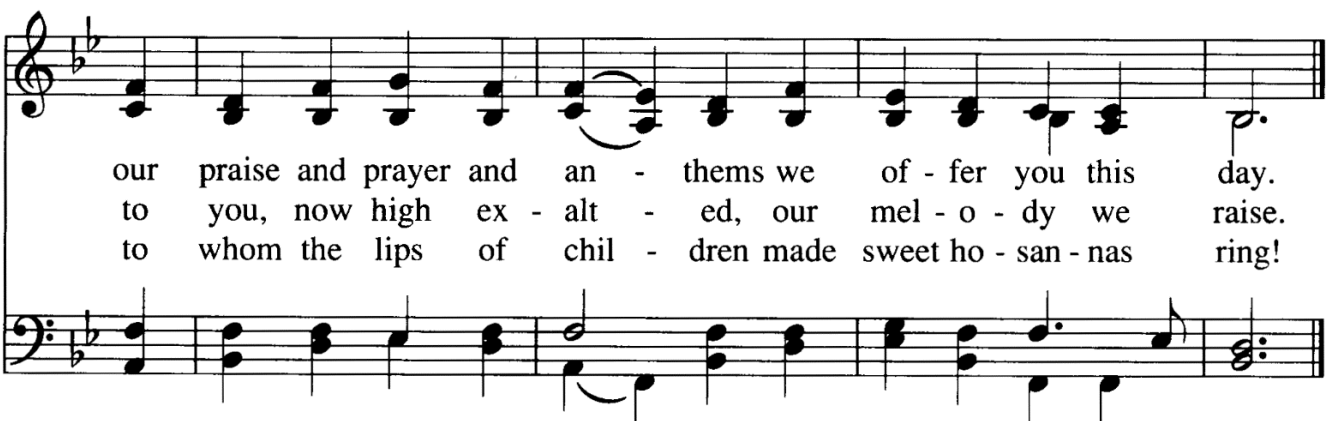
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.



The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48, 6:19-21

FAITH IN ACTION Feeding Mission Hills and Wildfire Relief

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Palms with All Glory, Laud, and Honor" – Faure/Teschner arr by Stephen DeCesare

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:12, 6:5-8

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.

SONG "Word of God Speak"

Leader: *I'm finding myself at a loss for words*

And the funny thing is it's okay

The last thing I need is to be heard

But to hear what You would say

Word of God speak

Would You pour down like rain

Washing my eyes to see

Your majesty

To be still and know

That You're in this place

Please let me stay and rest

In Your holiness

Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You

Beyond the music, beyond the noise

All that I need is to be with You

And in the quiet hear Your voice

All: *Word of God speak*

Would You pour down like rain

Washing my eyes to see

Your majesty

To be still and know

That You're in this place

Please let me stay and rest

In Your holiness

Word of God speak

Would You pour down like rain

Washing my eyes to see

Your majesty

To be still and know

That You're in this place

Please let me stay and rest

In Your holiness

I'm finding myself at a loss for words

And the funny thing is it's okay

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:32-39

SOLO "Disciple of Christ"

- by Nik Day

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 12:33-37

LITANY

One: Now the time has come, the day of consequences for challenging those in authority. They clearly believed his teaching about the kingdom of God was subversive:

All: Break the chains of oppression;

One: Set the prisoner free;

All: Share your bread with all who are hungry; Clothe the naked.

One: Shelter the homeless and give protection to the lost.

All: Why is this subversive? Isn't this Good News?

One: Indeed, why do the powerful want to silence him?

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-23, 17:22-23

SONG

“Tree of Life”



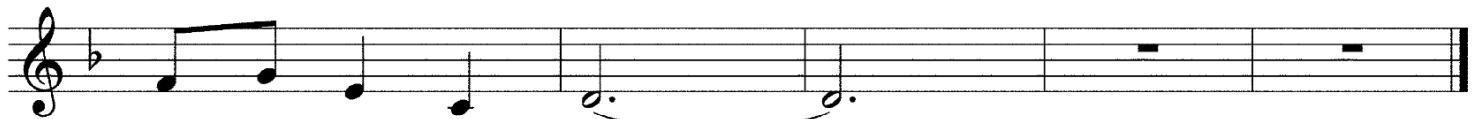
1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
die to rise a - new.
riv - er, you the sea.

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:29-34, 21:18-22

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“Mercy”

- Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-2, 10-17, 26:6-13

SONG

“What You Have Done for Me” verse 1

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 31-46

SONG

“What You Have Done for Me” verse 2

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:1-5, 26-29

SONG

"Christ Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26: 36-46

ANTHEM

"And Can It Be"

- Dan Forrest

LITANY OF THE PASSION

- One: Christ Jesus, in agony in the garden of Olives, troubled by sadness and fear, comforted by an angel;
- All: Christ Jesus, betrayed by Judas' kiss, abandoned by your friends, delivered into the hands of the powerful;**
- One: Christ Jesus, accused by false witness, condemned to die, struck by servants, covered with spittle;
- All: Christ Jesus, disowned by your disciple Peter, delivered to Pilate and Herod, condemned as a criminal;**
- One: Christ Jesus, carrying your own cross to Calvary, consoled by the daughters of Jerusalem, helped by Simon of Cyrene;
- All: Christ Jesus, stripped of your clothes, praying for your executioners, pardoning the thief;**
- One: Christ Jesus, entrusting your mother to your beloved disciple, giving up your spirit into the hands of your Father/Mother, showing us how to live and how to die through the example of your sacrifice.
- All: Let us remember his death, but more importantly, let us imitate his life.**

SILENCE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Were You There”

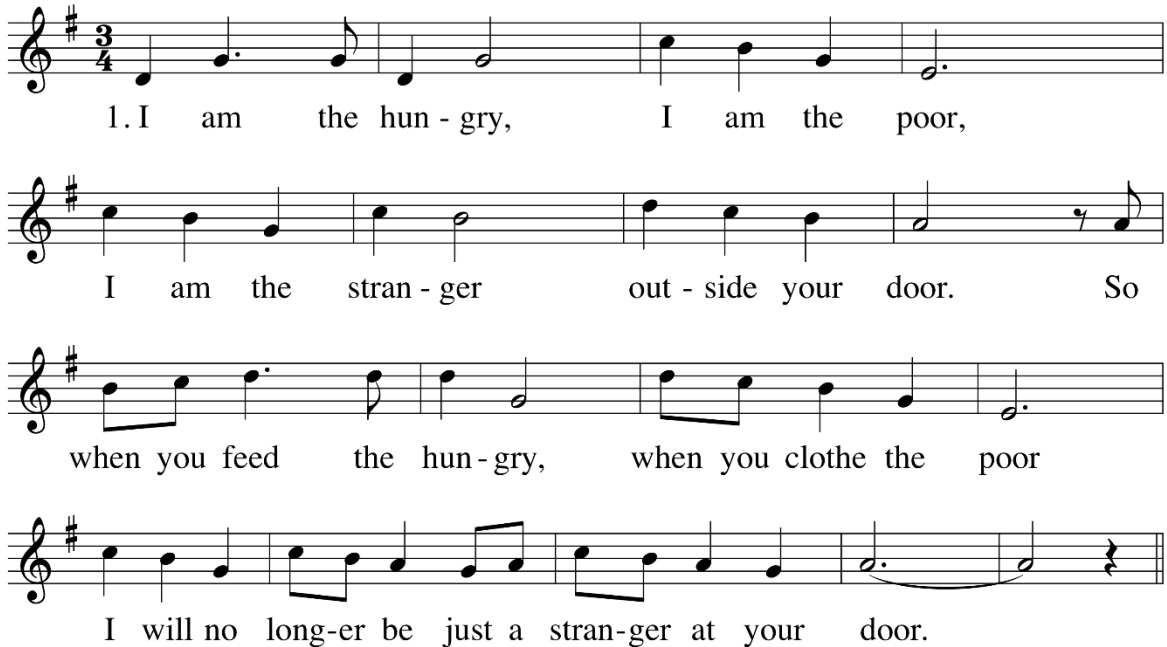
Welcome to all worshiping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During 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.

Pastor
Minister for Congregational Care
Liturgist
Director of Instrumental Music
Director of Vocal Music
Director of Ministry with Children and Families
Director of Ministry with Youth
Worship Technologies Coordinator
Worship Technical Assistants
Saxophone
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Nursery Attendants
ASL Interpreter

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Rev. Courtney Mys
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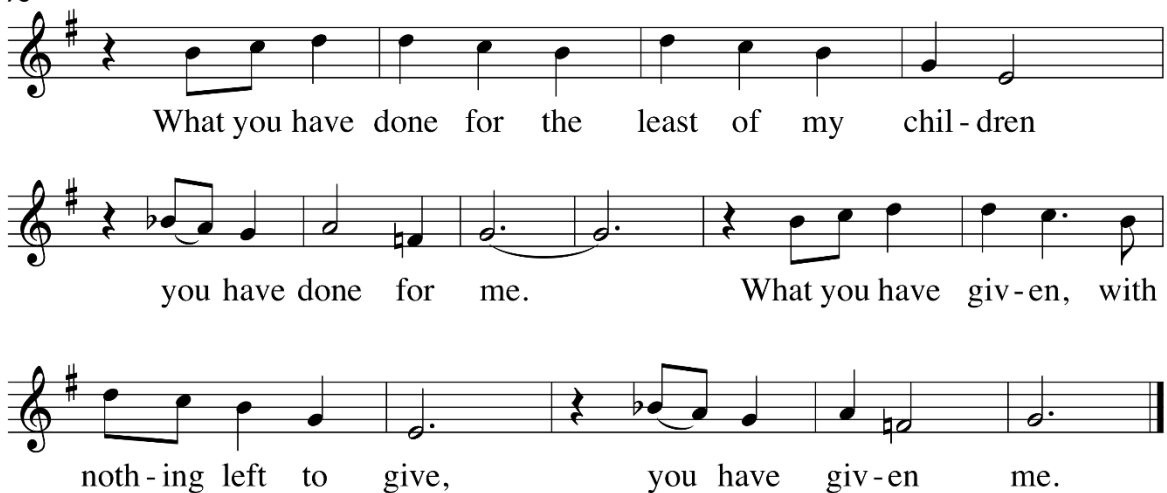
"What You Have Done for Me"

Verse 1



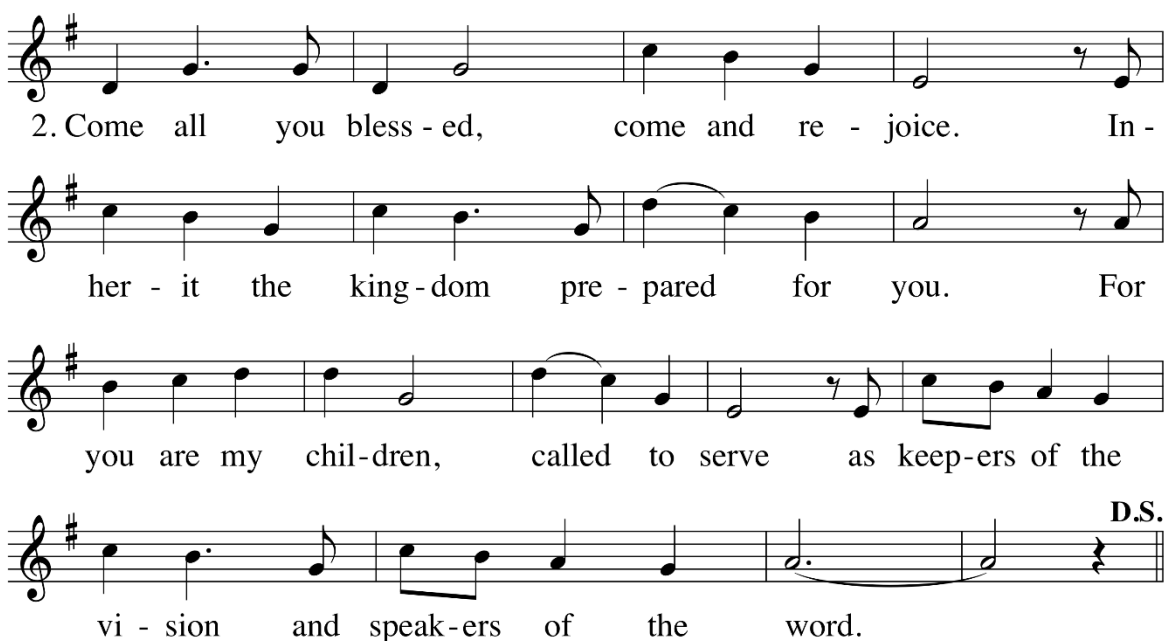
1. I am the hun - gry, I am the poor,
I am the stran - ger out - side your door. So
when you feed the hun - gry, when you clothe the poor
I will no long - er be just a stran - ger at your door.

Refrain



What you have done for the least of my chil - dren
you have done for me. What you have giv - en, with
noth - ing left to give, you have giv - en me.

Verse 2



2. Come all you bless - ed, come and re - joice. In -
her - it the king - dom pre - pared for you. For
you are my chil - dren, called to serve as keep - ers of the
vi - sion and speak - ers of the word. **D.S.**

Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events

April	Mission Partner: UCC Los Angeles Fires Special Appeal
Tuesday, 4/15	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 4/17	Maundy Thursday Service, noon, Chapel Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm, Sanctuary Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Friday, 4/18	Good Friday Service, noon, zoom
Sat. 4/19 - Sun. 4/20	Vigil, 6:30 pm - 6:30 am, Sanctuary
Sunday, 4/20	Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, MH Methodist Church Easter Festival Worship Service, 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, 11:15 am
Saturday, 4/26	Community Bake Sale, 8 am - 12 pm
Sunday, 4/27	Earth Day
May	Mission Partner: El Nido
Friday, 5/2	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Thursday, 5/8	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Thursday, 5/15	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 5/18	Legacy Sunday Ken Jensen Ordination, 3 pm
Tuesday, 5/20	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
June	Mission Partner: Strengthen the Church
Sunday, 6/1	Rock n Roll Marathon, worship delayed to 11 am
Friday, 6/6	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Sunday, 6/8	Music Appreciation Sunday
Thursday, 6/12	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20	VBS, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 6/17	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 6/19	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 6/22	Ecclesiastical Meeting, after worship

Every Week:

Sundays -	ReExamining Our Faith Book Study - 9 am - Commons
Tuesdays -	Men's Group - 6:30 pm - Commons
Thursdays -	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm, Chapel
Saturdays -	Gentle Yoga - 9 am, Chapel

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