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May 25, 2025

~ Confirmation Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

- Joseph M. Martin

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: By our baptism, we become part of the Body of Christ, the church.

Many: By confirmation, we say yes to promises made on our behalf.

One: Through the nurture of Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders, pastors and musicians, through other classmates and all the adults who cheer us on every week, today we rejoice in the pilgrimage of faith which has brought each of us to this time and place.

Many: The whole household of faith celebrates this milestone.

One: Let us praise God for calling us together in this church.

*SONG

"Earth and All Stars"

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

email requests to: 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.

RESPONSE

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

COMMUNITY BUILDING - Announcements

FAITH IN ACTION

El Nido

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Praise Your Holy Name"

– Keith Hampton

VIDEO OF YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God is not simple, there are many sides. God is love, and change, all powerful, all knowing, invincible, and kind. God is in community, in the things we do together. God is not hateful or selfish or ugly. God forgives and does not hold grudges.

Jesus is a teacher and leader. He is kind, caring, considerate, selfless, and courageous. We hope to become more like him. He stood up against the most powerful people, even though he knew they were going to kill him.

The Holy Spirit is God's presence with us, prompting us toward actions that reflect God's love and justice. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTIONS

Claudia Guirguis - John 6:1-15
Jennifer Hom - Romans 12: 3-8
Ireland Arbeene - Psalm 23, verse 4

RESPONSE "What You Have Done for Me"

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INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION VOWS

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

WORDS OF WELCOME

ALL: We affirm you and promise our continuing friendship and prayer as we share the hope and joy of our church together. We celebrate you as a full member of the church.

*SONG "For Everyone Born"

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*BENEDICTION

*AFFIRMATION "Send Us Out"

Send us out to pro-claim the reign of your king-dom,
send us out to pro-claim and to heal, send us
out with your pow-er and your au-thor-i-ty
to o-ver-come and to heal the world.

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POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation"

- Dale Wood

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Ireland, Claudia and Jennifer.
There will be music and excellent Mexican food for all!*

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. Courtney Mys
<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>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>Organist</i>	Paul Rosas
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Elizabeth Quiñones
<i>Sexton</i>	Gloria Schacht
<i>Nursery Attendants</i>	Jianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski
<i>ASL Interpreter</i>	Melissa Smith

Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events

May	Mission Partner: El Nido
Sunday, May 25	Confirmation Sunday
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	Celebration of Music Sunday
Wednesday, 6/11	Lunch with Pastor, noon, Commons
Thursday, 6/12	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20	VBS, 8 am - 1 pm, 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
July	Mission Partner: Barrio Logan College Institute
Friday, 7/4	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Wednesday, 7/9	Lunch with Pastor, noon, Commons
Sunday, 7/13	Pride Sunday
Tuesday, 7/15	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Wednesday, 7/16	Interfaith Pride Service
Thursday, 7/17	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Saturday, 7/19	Pride Parade
Sunday, 7/27	Church in the Park, Pioneer Park, 10 am

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

"Earth and All Stars"



Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Sib - ling and Child Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



We too sing prais - es with a new song!

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



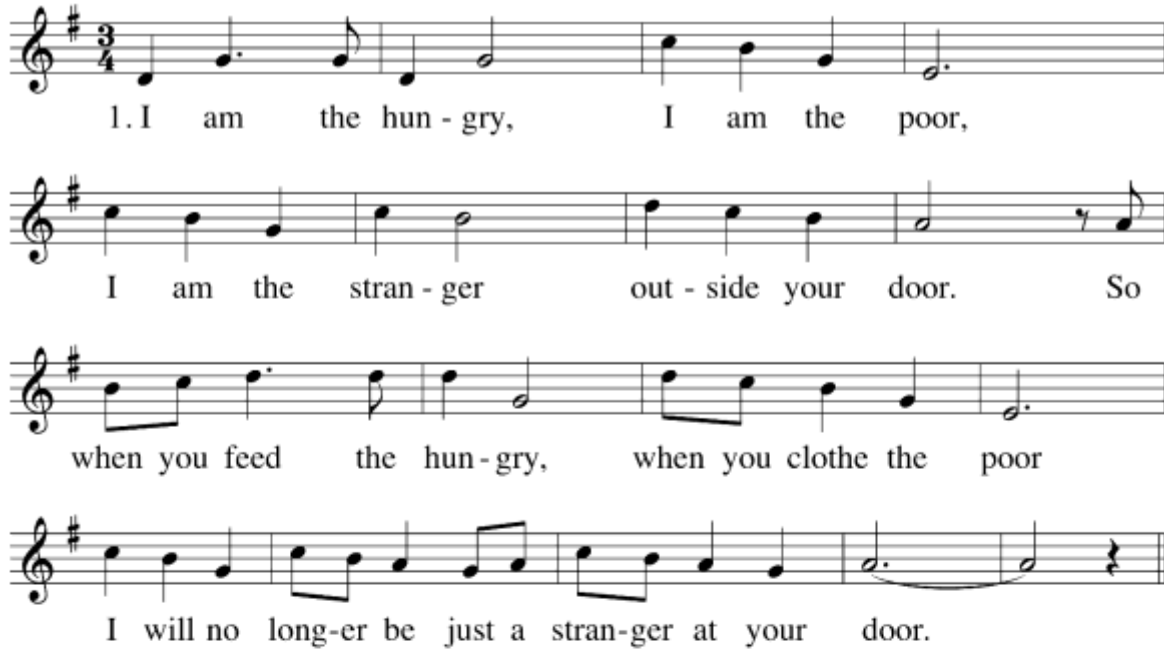
4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

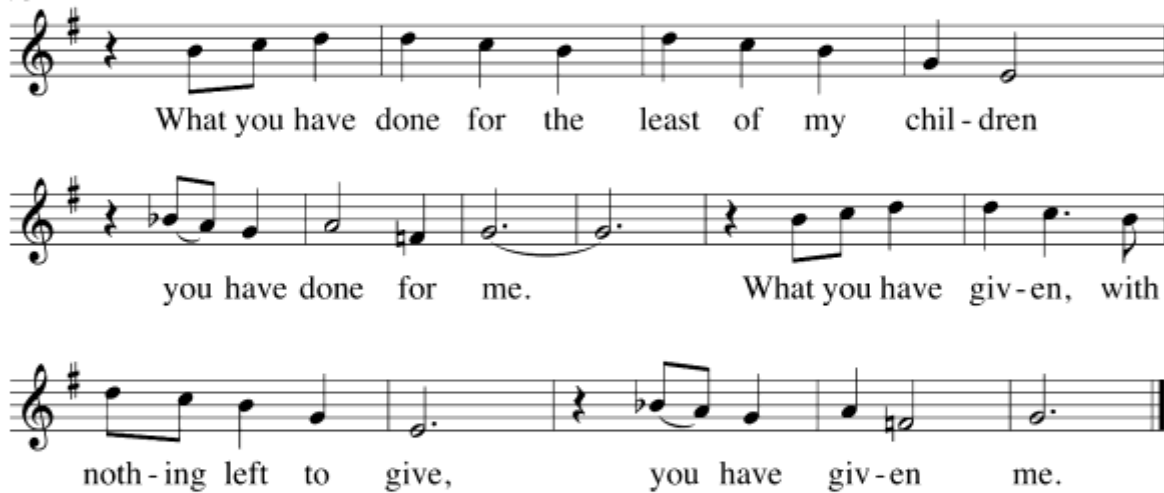
"What You Have Done for Me"

Verse 1



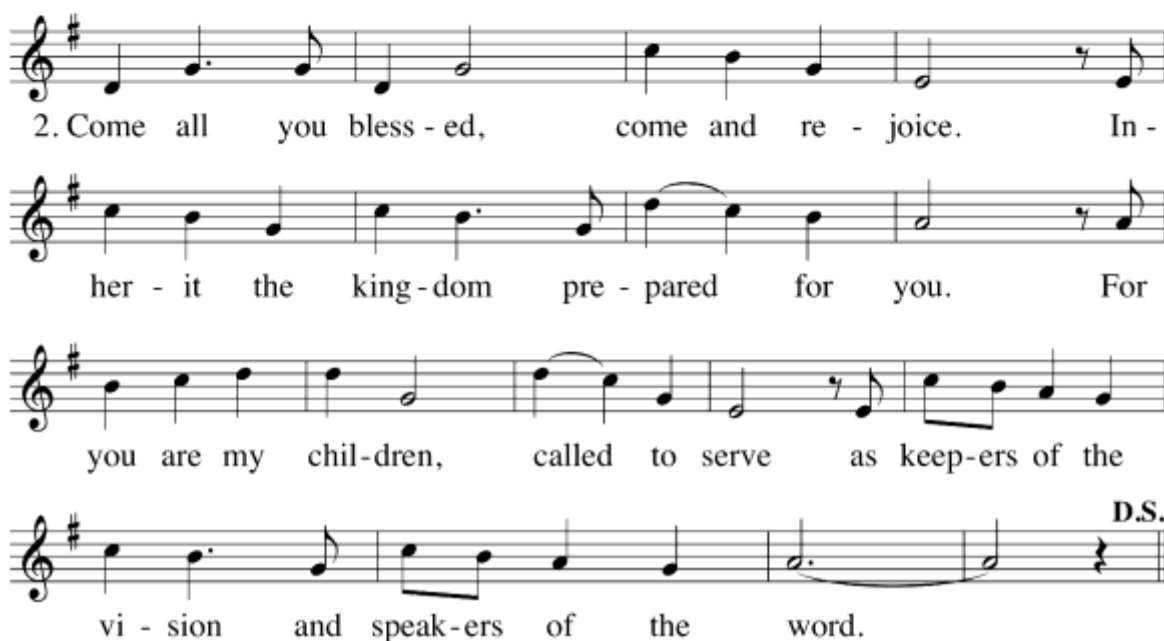
1. I am the hun - gry, I am the poor,
I am the stran - ger out - side your door. So
when you feed the hun - gry, when you clothe the poor
I will no long - er be just a stran - ger at your door.

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.**

"For Everyone Born"



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

Confirmation Party

Please join us for a party after church today in Fellowship Hall!

There will be music from our choir section leaders, youth group members, and the Pioneer Philharmonic (our local youth-organized music group - they meet for rehearsals in our chapel). There will be excellent Mexican food for all, and the opportunity to congratulate Jennifer Hom, Claudia Guirguis, and Ireland Arbeene as they join our church.

Your Answers Will Help – One Week Left

We ask for your thoughtful reflection on the questions we ask using the QR code.

This will help us craft a message as we spread the word about our church and invite people to find hope and joy here too. Thank you!



Worship Delayed - June 1

The Rock and Roll Marathon will pass by our church again this year. Please make a note in your calendars, worship will begin one hour later at 11 am on JUNE 1.

May Mission Partner – El Nido

Interfaith Shelter Network's El Nido Transitional Living Program provides a haven for single women and women with children who are fleeing domestic violence. Program participants partner with a skilled and compassionate case manager to create personalized plans to achieve self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. You can make a donation by using the Monthly Mission Partner envelope in the pews or by going to our website.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- **Sunday, May 25, 10am – 12 noon:** Confirmation service and party
- **Friday, July 18, 6pm – 9pm:** Youth Group Meeting: An evening of art.
- **Sunday, August 3 – Saturday, August 9:** Sierra Service Project, San Diego South Bay. Open to students entering 6th grade and older.

For more information contact [Fiona](#).

Scholarships 2025

Now is the time to prepare your application for the Mission Hills United Church of Christ College Scholarship. Members of the church who are planning to attend college this fall are eligible to receive this scholarship. You may pick up a copy of the application at the church office or download it online:

<https://missionhillsucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Scholarship2025.pdf>

The church office must receive applications no later than **June 10, 2025**.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Albrecht

UCC Action Center

The UCC National Office makes writing your legislators about issues that concern you very easy. Keep this link handy and use it often: <https://www.ucc.org/action-center/>

Sermons

Did you know you can read, listen, or watch last week's (or any) sermon? Share it and #spreadtheword

- Read it here: <https://davidbahr.weebly.com/>
- Listen via podcast: <https://sermonsfromsandiego.buzzsprout.com/>
- Watch just the sermon on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvX2FZDau7l7FaOiSBtOg4Z9aEDOG9Tu2>