



March 8, 2026

~ Third Sunday in Lent ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Elegy”

- Paul Fey

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: God of Sarah and Hagar,  
God of Miriam and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and Esther,  
God of Mary and Martha...

**All: We gather to worship You.**

One: You speak through poets and prophets on the front lines,  
and through many who are underestimated and overlooked behind the scenes.

**All: Let us listen for Your voice.**

One: When the world silences, You raise up singers.  
When fear closes in, You send midwives of hope.  
When injustice hardens hearts, You anoint courage.

**All: We gather to be shaped by that courage.**

One: May this be a place where wisdom is honored,  
where gifts are welcomed,  
where justice rolls down like waters.

**All: We come to worship the God who calls us all.**

\*SONG

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

“Spirit of the Living God”

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ANTHEM

“O Love”

- Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.  
- George Matheson*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PASSING THE PEACE

SOLO "Being a Woman" - Bridget Kearney

THE READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:8–12 ([click here to follow along](#))

\*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 8:2-11 ([click here to follow along](#))

SERMON "Jesus Disarms the Crowd"

SOLO "Unconditionally" - Katy Perry

COMMUNITY LIFE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITNESS

FAITH IN ACTION Feeding Mission Hills

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Stay Gentle" - Brandi Carlile

\*SONG "Goodness of God"

*[VERSE 1]*  
*I love You Lord*  
*For Your mercy never fails me*  
*All my days*  
*I've been held in Your hands*  
*From the moment that I wake up*  
*Until I lay my head*  
*Oh I will sing of the goodness of God*

*[CHORUS]*  
*All my life You have been faithful*  
*All my life You have been so, so good*  
*With every breath that I am able*  
*Oh I will sing of the goodness of God*

*[VERSE 2]*  
*I love Your voice*  
*You have led me through the fire*

*In my darkest night*  
*You were close like no other*  
*I've known You as my maker*  
*I've known You as my friend*  
*And I have lived in the goodness of God*

*[CHORUS]*

*[BRIDGE]*  
*Your goodness is running after,*  
*It's running after me*  
*(repeat)*

*With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,*  
*I give You everything*  
*Your goodness is running after,*  
*It's running after me*

*[CHORUS]*

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\*BENEDICTION and AFFIRMATION "Send Us Out"  
*Send us out to proclaim the reign of your kingdom*  
*Send us out to proclaim and to heal,*  
*Send us out with your power and your authority*  
*To overcome and to heal the world.*

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POSTLUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - arr by Lynette Maynard

*Pastor*  
*Minister for Congregational Care*  
*Liturgist*  
*Director of Worship and Music*  
*Associate Director of Music*  
*Director of Ministry with Children and Families*  
*Director of Ministry with Youth*  
*Worship Technologies Coordinator*  
*Worship Technical Assistants*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Sexton*  
*Nursery Attendants*  
*ASL Interpreter*  
*Section Leaders*

*Guest Vocalists*  
*Violinist*

Rev. Dr. David Bahr  
 Rev. Courtney Mys  
 Rev. Babs Christensen  
 Angelica Eclar  
 Kristopher Abels  
 Artcel Ruiz  
 Ali Tonnesen  
 Saige Afalava  
 Devin Buss & Trevor Norkowski  
 Elizabeth Quiñones  
 Gloria Schacht  
 Jianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski  
 Sendy Medina  
 Van Angelo, Shannon Johnson,  
 Ellie Mout & Sophia Perez  
 Michelle Gealy & Lauren Gripenstraw  
 Isaac Munoz

### Upcoming:

Sunday, 3/8 & 15 Capital Campaign Information Session, after worship  
 Monday, 3/9 Spiritual Gifts in the 21st Century, Chapel, 6:30 pm  
 Saturday, 3/14 Second Saturday Speaker Series: From Imagination to Paper Painting, 10 am  
 Monday, 3/16 Using Our Spiritual Gifts, Chapel, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, 3/17 Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am  
 Saturday, 3/21 Mission Hills 5K - come at 8 am and join us to cheer on our neighbors  
 Monday, 3/23 Service of Prayer and Anointing, Chapel, 6:30 pm

### Holy Week:

Sunday, 3/29 Palm Sunday Procession - come at 9:30 with your own palms  
 Thursday, 4/2 Maundy Thursday service at Noon in the Chapel  
 Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary - *no livestream*  
 Friday, 4/3 Good Friday Brief Reflections at Noon on Zoom only  
 Saturday, 4/4 Easter Eve Vigil from 6:30 pm to 6:30 am  
 Sunday, 4/5 Easter Sunrise Service at the UMC at 6:30 am  
 Festival Worship at 10 am  
 Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 am

### Every Week:

Sundays - ReExamining Our Faith Book Study - 9 am - Commons  
 Sundays - Handbell Choir rehearsal - 11:20 am - Music Room  
 Mondays - Lenten Group on Spiritual Gifts - 6:30 pm - Chapel (*through 3/23*)  
 Tuesdays - Men's Group - 6:30 pm - Commons  
 Wednesdays - Senior Lunch and Fun - 10:30 am - Fellowship Hall  
 Thursdays - Bible Study – Noon - Zoom (*through 3/26*)  
 Chancel Choir Practice - 7:15 pm - Chapel  
 Saturdays - Gentle Yoga - 9 am - Chapel

For all events, visit our online calendar: [missionhillsucc.org/calendar](https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar)

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Text by Walter C. Smith | Tune "ST. DENIO" by Welsh hymn melody, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*

# Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

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The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of music features a more active melody with eighth notes and a bass line with chords. The lyrics are: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

## Preserving Our Legacy, Ensuring Our Future

### Why are we having a Capital Campaign?

We are launching this campaign to preserve what has been entrusted to us and prepare our church for the future. Much-needed repairs and improvements can no longer be delayed. By investing now, we ensure that MHUCC remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant home for worship, community, and outreach for decades to come.

### How can I support the campaign?

You can support the campaign by completing a Letter of Commitment - either on paper or online. Your commitment may be fulfilled through a one-time gift, annual gifts, stock, retirement funds, or another method that works for you. You may also give directly to MHUCC and indicate that your gift is for the Capital Campaign.

### When will I need to make my campaign pledge?

We hope to receive Letters of Commitment by April 17, 2026.

### How much time do I have to fulfill my pledge?

You may fulfill your commitment in one gift or spread it out over up to five years. All commitments should be completed by April 18, 2031.

### Is this separate from my regular annual pledge?

Yes. This campaign is separate from annual pledging. Annual pledges remain essential to support the church's operating budget and ongoing ministries.

### Which projects will be completed first?

Projects will be addressed based on urgency and readiness. The chancel project is scheduled for summer 2026. Renovation of the Little House is planned for August 2027. Other needed projects will follow as funds and priorities allow.

### Can campaign funds be used for other purposes?

No. Capital campaign funds will be used only for approved capital projects.

### What if we exceed our \$100,000 goal?

Exceeding the goal would allow us to address additional building needs that may arise. Any significant surplus beyond project costs would be discussed with campaign leadership and the congregation.

### What if my financial situation changes?

If your circumstances change, please contact the church office. A campaign leader will work with you to adjust your commitment as needed.

### Who has access to giving records?

All campaign giving records are confidential, as with annual pledges. Only those responsible for processing contributions will have access.

### Why are we working with a UCC fundraising consultant and what does it cost?

Our consultant, Jill White from the UCC Church Building and Loan Fund, is helping guide the campaign and provide resources to ensure its success. The consultant's fee is based on our annual pledge income (not campaign pledges) and totals \$46,000. Thirty percent of that fee (\$14,000) will be directed to two nonprofits chosen by MHUCC.



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