



September 13, 2026

~ Homecoming Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Fanfare" - Paul Fey

THE BELL

INTROIT "The Road Home" - Stephen Paulus

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: Welcome home!

All: Home is more than a building where we gather.

One: Home is more than a place we've been.

All: Home is the people who know our names and make room for one more.

One: Home is laughter in the hallways and music filling the sanctuary.

**All: Home is children growing in faith, youth discovering purpose,
and friends walking beside us.**

One: Home is prayers shared, bread broken, and lives transformed by love.

All: Home is remembering who we are and whose we are.

One: Home is listening for where God is leading us...

All: ...and having the courage to go there together.

One: Welcome home to Mission Hills United Church of Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

SONG "Earth and All Stars" [page 4](#)

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 "Jireh"

ANTHEM "Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door" - Elizabeth Alexander

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT James 2:14-17 ([click here to follow along](#))

*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32 ([click here to follow along](#))

SERMON "They Could Teach You a Thing or Two"

SONG "Act Justly" – Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Pat Barrett

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG "Home"

- Michael Buble, Alan Chang, & Amy Foster-Gillies

*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

"Home"

- Drew Pearson & Greg Holden

Pastor
Minister for Congregational Care
Liturgist
Director of Worship and Music
Associate Director of Music
Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator
Director of Ministry with Youth
Director of Marketing
Young Adult Ministry Coordinator
Worship Technologies Coordinator
Section Leaders
Guitar, bass guitar
Drums
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Nursery Attendants
ASL Interpreter

Rev. Dr. David Bahr
 Rev. Courtney Mys
 Susan White
 Angelica Eclar
 Kris Abels
 Zoe Merrick
 Ali Tonnesen
 Trevor Norkowski
 Lainie Alfaro
 Saige Afalava
 Van Angelo, Shannon Johnson, Ellie Mout, Sophia Perez
 Israel Maldonado
 Matias Pizarro
 Elizabeth Quiñones
 Gloria Schacht
 Jianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski
 Melissa Smith

Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events

September	Mission Partner: Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Sunday, 9/13	Homecoming Sunday
Tuesday, 9/15	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am
Thursday, 9/17	Knitting 2 Give, 2 pm - 4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 9/20	Young Adults Coffee Stroll after worship
Monday, 9/21	Sound Healing with Melissa Nolan, 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, 9/26	Council & Conveners Retreat, 9 am – 1 pm, Commons
October	Mission Partner: Neighbors in Need
Friday, 10/2	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Saturday, 10/3	Blessing of the Animals, 10 am, Parking Lot
Sunday, 10/4	World Communion Sunday
Tuesday, 10/6	Lunch with the Pastor, noon, in the Commons
Saturday, 10/10	Second Saturday Speaker Series
Sunday, 10/11	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Thursday, 10/15	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Tuesday, 10/20	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am
Thursday, 10/22	Young Adults' Fall Hangout, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, 10/24	Hymns and Beer, 6:30 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
November	Mission Partner: Interfaith Community Services Christmas Tree
Sunday, 11/1	All Saints Sunday - Stewardship Begins
Monday, 11/2	Pastor David's Sabbatical begins
Wednesday, 11/4	Women's Group Meeting, 6 pm, Commons
Friday, 11/6	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Saturday, 11/14	Second Saturday Speaker Series
Tuesday, 11/17	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am
Wednesday, 11/18	Women's Group Meeting, 6 pm, Commons
Thursday, 11/19	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 11/22	Commitment Sunday
	Thanksgiving Luncheon
Sunday, 11/29	Advent Celebration, 5:30 pm

Join us every week for:

Sundays –

- 10 am: Worship service with children's and youth program
- 11:15 am: Fellowship Hour

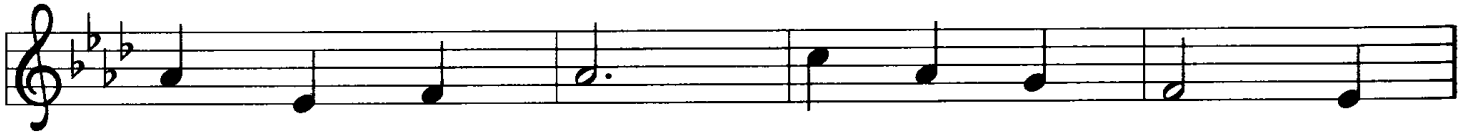
Thursdays

- noon: Bible Study on zoom (*thru October 22*)
- 5 pm: Mission Hills Young Musicians (*thru November 19*)
- 7 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturdays – Gentle Yoga - 9 am - Chapel

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

"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!
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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!



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Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



We too sing prais - es with a new song!