

Welcome to Hillcrest!

If you are a visitor,
please fill out an information card. You may put it in the offering plate
or leave it at the Welcome Center. We are pleased to worship with you.

Children's Activity Packets are available at the Welcome Center.

Coffee Fellowship

is offered from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the HeBrew Café.
Please make yourself at home, look around, and ask questions.

Adult Learning Opportunities (11:00 a.m.)

Lifestyles Class—*All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?*
HeBrew Café classroom

This Week at Hillcrest

Monday, February 24

6:30 p.m. Scouts—loft

Tuesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. TOPS—HeBrew Café

6:00 p.m. El Refugio practice—gym

Wednesday, February 26

Noon Ash Wednesday Service—sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Champion Force—gym

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service—sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

11:30 a.m. Yoga—sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

5:30 p.m. Champion Force—gym

6:00 p.m. Women's Book Club—narthex

Saturday, February 29

8:30 a.m. CPR Training—HeBrew Café

9:00 a.m. Osolo Little League sign-ups—narthex

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Listen to Him

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*“While he was still speaking,
suddenly a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and from
the cloud a voice said, ‘This is
my Son, the Beloved; with him I
am well pleased; listen to him!’”*

Matthew 17:5

Hillcrest United Methodist Church

February 23, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

by Deborah Sokolove

L: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

P: we are called to be God's people.

L: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

P: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

L: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

P: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

*Congregational Singing

#173

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Pass the Peace

Scripture

Exodus 24:9-18, NRSV

*Congregational Singing

#454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-8, NRSV

A Spiritual Practice

Sermon

Pastor Kerry Clear

"What If Eternal Life Began Today?"

Special Music

Kasey Clear

"In Your Presence"

Call to Prayer

by Deborah Sokolove

L: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance,

P: we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.

L: While we want a world of justice and peace,

P: we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's lovingkindness.

L: Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,

P: we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God.

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L: In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.

P: Amen.

Time of Prayer

Offering

*Doxology and Prayer

(unison)

God of power and love, we come to worship this day in anticipation: to hear the music, to be fed with the word, to reconnect with family, but most of all, to listen to your voice as it might speak to us in the silent moments. May your goodness and caring be affirmed in the gifts we give, and as worship comes to an end, may we hear Jesus' voice sending us out into the mission field, and may we listen and go. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Congregational Singing

#378

"Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

L: Walk in light and truth. See the light of Christ in every face. Be the light of Christ to all you meet.

P: Amen.

**Stand for those who are able*

February's Mission of the Month is Church Community Services. CCS helps provide immediate food and financial needs and provides training and counseling to break the poverty cycle.

Donations can be given either by check or currency. You may use your regular giving envelope or a pew envelope with the designation "Mission of the Month" on the envelope or check. Any loose change in the offering will be given to CCS.

Our Ash Wednesday Service is this coming Wednesday, February 26, at noon in the sanctuary.

The Lifestyles Class is continuing the DVD Study, *All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg. The author opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaching us how to recognize them and giving us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. Join us today in the HeBrew Café classroom for this study and a time of fun, fellowship and caring for others.

—Patty Moore, Facilitator

Reminder! Daylight Saving Time begins March 8. Spring forward one hour!

Thank you, Hillcrest Family, for all of your hugs, expressions of concern, cards, gifts, and especially prayers during my sister's cancer battle and recent death. Your care for me has been overwhelming and comforting at the same time. Saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough so I pray God's richest blessings on you! Although we mourn, we continue to rest in the knowledge that Ellen is no longer suffering and is with the Lord she so deeply loved.

—Julie Lininger

If you've recently started attending Hillcrest and have not submitted birthday and anniversary information, please consider doing so. We would love to help celebrate your special days. Also, if you would like a church mailbox and/or giving envelopes, please contact Julie in the church office. (Contact info on back) Thank you! We're glad you're worshipping with us!

Would you please take a few moments to look over the prayer list? We would like to keep it current and make sure we have space to add new names. If there is a change, please contact Julie in the church office. Thank you!