

Highland Park United Methodist Church



THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP Epiphany Sunday January 56, 2014

PRESERVICE MUSIC Organist
Love Came Down at Christmas
De Tierra Lejana Venimos (From a Distant Home)
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE
(Please register your attendance on the pad located at the end of the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE..... Piano Duet
Angels from the Realms of Glory — arranged by Lani Smith
tune: REGENT SQUARE by Henry Smart

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.
**Too long we've gone the wrong way
Followed the wrong stars!**
We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.
Star of Wonder...
We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.
Star of Light...
We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition,
and our own way.
Star with Royal Beauty Bright...

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.
The Star of Hope.
The Star of Peace.
The Star of Joy.
The Star of Love.
The Star that is You.

*HYMN OF EPIPHANY.....UMH 254
We Three Kings

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....UMH 881
The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRIUMH 70
Glory Be to the Father

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A TIME FOR PRAYER

A PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES — Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON*Follow Your Star!*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Organist
Child in the Manger — English Folk Tune

*DOXOLOGY..... UMH 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God in the stars and in the stables: like the wise men in the gospel story, our journey has brought us once again into the light and warmth of your presence. We bring gifts, as they did, but in the light of your overwhelming generosity, they seem not more than tokens. Remind us of the power that you can infuse in the gifts we offer with loving hearts, and let us be changed by the giving, even as the wise men were changed. We pray it in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

A TIME FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN.....UMH 617
I Come With Joy

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....back panel

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

(Offerings left on the Communion Rail will go to the Local Benevolence Fund)

COMMUNION MUSIC.....Organist
I Wonder as I Wander — John Jacob Niles
We Three Kings, Kings of Orient — John H. Hopkins, Jr.
Manger Medley

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN TFWs 2122
Shine Jesus, Shine

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION.....front of hymnal
May the Lord Be With You

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist
Ding, Dong, Merrily on High

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

If you wish to become a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church, please contact Rev. Jim Jones after this service or at any time. Persons are received into membership through a profession of faith and baptism, transfer of membership from another United Methodist church or vows from another denomination.

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests. We are glad you came. Please sign the register in the pew to let us know you attended. We look forward to having you worship with us again soon.

This Week at Highland Park

TODAY — January 5

- Epiphany Sunday
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

MONDAY — January 6

- 6:00 p.m. Cloverleaf 4-H
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

TUESDAY — January 7

- 6:00 p.m. Stillwater Travel Club
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — January 8

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — January 9

- 7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
- 12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts ("Wolf Den")

FRIDAY — January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Article Deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY — January 11

- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Fellowship Circle
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Team meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding of Kimmie Saunders & Terry Lane

NEXT SUNDAY — January 12

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE USHER STAND
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS (AGES 3-6 AND 7-12) ARE AVAILABLE
- INDIVIDUAL LISTENING DEVICES FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE

Words on Worship

Today is **Epiphany Sunday**. The liturgical color remains **white** until next Sunday. The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. And the meaning of epiphany is "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.

Wishes for the new year

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;
Love that is perfect, casting out fear;
These shall insure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Savior, rest at his feet,
Smile on his countenance, radiant and sweet.
Joy in his presence, Christ ever near!
This will insure thee a happy New Year.
—Frances Ridley Havergal

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PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

- PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones
- LITURGIST— Karen Mitchell
- ORGANIST— Claudia Mornhinweg
- CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster
- ACOLYTES — ANGEL BONAR and Misty McGuire

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

- Call to Worship: www.gbod.org, Nathan Decker
- Prayer of Confession and Prayer after Communion: UMH, page 8, 11
- Prayer of Dedication: www.gbod.org, Ken Sloane

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Office Hours:

Daily 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

Before mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As we embark on a new year, we seek the truth that you have chosen to share with us for the living of our days. Reveal yourself to us again each day, but especially in this sacrament that we all hold so dear.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.