

Highland Park United Methodist Church

January 26, 2014

THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP



PRESERVICE MUSIC.....Organist

I Stand in Awe by Mark Altrogge
Arise, Shine by Steven Urspringer & Jay Robinson
As We Gather by Mike Fay & Tom Coomes

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

PRELUDEOrganist
Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door (Spiritual) Arr. by Phillip Keveren

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Chancel Choir
Arise, Shine

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 27)

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our
guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is

among and within us!
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF ADORATION.....UMH 261
Lord of the Dance

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 883
Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada

CHILDREN'S SERMON
(Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children return to their seats)

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or still small
voice, in Scripture's Word or through your Grace and we in turn
find many ways, to hear the world's insistent voice break through
the silence and take your place. Forgive our sin. Help us hear
your voice above the clamour of this world, recognize the
difference and follow only you. 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

CHORAL ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
Praise The Lord by Natalie Smith

*HYMN OF PREPARATION..... UMH 212
I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 4:12-20
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Claim Your Vocation!*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Organist
The Light of the World is Jesus by Phillip P. Bliss

*DOXOLOGY..... UMH 94
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Grace and Compassion, you sent your Son into our
midst that we might see his way of love, and that we might
here his call to follow. Following Christ means more than
wearing a label, or gathering in a certain building. It means
leaving the nets that entangle us in the world's way of
measuring success and living by Christ's example. May the
gifts we lift to you this morning represent a sacrifice and
commitment to be ones who walk in the way of compassion,
grace, and love. We pray in the holy name of the Christ, our
Example, our Hope, and our Redeemer. Amen**

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION.....UMH 344
Lord, You Have Come To the Lakeshore

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

On the boundary of assembly and dispersion we, Christ's priestly
people, face our powerlessness, our divisions, and our vocation.

We can't do everything, **but we can love.**

We can't speak the final word, **but we can love.**

We don't quite feel like we belong, **but we can love.**

When better days are a faint memory, **still we can love.**

When we don't have the answers, **still we can love.**

When we can't agree about gay and straight, **still we can love.**

When we feel awkward and restless, **still we can love.**

We're frustrated with the constraints of youth and aging, **but we can
love now.**

We let petty irritations trip us up, **but we can love.**

We choke on our faith songs, **but we can love.**

We limp in our worship and service, **but we can love.**

We are embarrassed at how messy our lives are, **but we can love.**

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

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist
I'll Be Somewhere Listening arr by V. O. Stamps

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

If you wish to become a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church,
please use this opportunity to move to the front of the sanctuary and speak with
the minister. 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 worshiping 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 26

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

TUESDAY — January 28

- 1:00 p.m. Newsletter folding team
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — January 29

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — January 30

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

NEXT SUNDAY — February 2

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

- PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones
- LITURGIST — McClain Robinson
- ORGANIST & PIANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg
- CHOIR DIRECTOR & PIANIST — Gayla Foster
- ACOLYTES — Ciara Mitchell and Joey Wayman
- GREETERS — Brandi Schaffer and Angel Bonar

Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship: www.ucc.org, Rev. Elizabeth Dillley
- Prayer of Confession: www.faithandworship.com, John Birch
- Prayer of Dedication: www.gbod.org, by Ken Sloane
- Sending Forth: www.gbod.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE USHERS 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 the **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**. The color remains **green** for the season after Epiphany which will continue through Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before Lent begins.

Special Offering

For the church to function at its best, we rely on both the ministry of the laity and the ministry of our clergy. Today we will be taking up a special offering for the **Pastor Education Fund** through our Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. Pastors are ordinary people who answer God's call to serve the Church. Most pastors are trained through seminary education and many make personal sacrifice to their call.

Please take a look at the insert in your bulletin today and prayerfully consider a gift to support this effort. The Milburn family of Shawnee has partnered with the Foundation and will match gifts to this fund up to \$1 million. You can make checks out to our church and mark it "pastors education fund" and we will pass this on.

GLOSSARY OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- BOY SCOUTS**—HPUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 814.
- GRAPE JELLY GANG**—a small fellowship group that meets at Granny's Kitchen in Stillwater on a weekly basis for breakfast, a devotion, and fellowship.
- LIONS CLUB**—Stillwater Noon Lions Club meets at HPUMC every Thursday at noon for a catered lunch, business meeting, and program.
- NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**—every other Friday by 10:00am, articles for publication in the newsletter need to be turned into the office.
- REBEKAH CIRCLE**—a sub grouping of the UMW that meets in the mornings for fellowship & programs.

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Thoughts for the Day

Fill A Jar

Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.



Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. If you have a large family, you may need one jar for each person. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member. Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.

Sharing Jesus

The true story is told of two men sitting together on a train. When one shared with the other, a committed Christian, that he was heading home to donate a kidney to his father, the Christian listened intently. Sensing his seatmate's genuine interest, the speaker confided that he didn't know his life's purpose. Sensing an openness in his new friend, the Christian told him about Jesus and the purpose Jesus had given to his life. The Christian man said later that he'd never met someone so appreciative of hearing the Good News.

A key Epiphany theme is sharing the news of Jesus. "Ordinary" Christians can do that best by listening for an opening when visiting with someone and sharing part of their faith story in relation to something the other has said. There's no need to accost strangers on street corners. Just be yourself, let the Holy Spirit guide you and invite your listener to follow Jesus, too.

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Coming Soon!

Women's Bible Study - The Friday morning Bible Study will begin soon with a six week study of *This I Know For Sure* by Babbie Mason, a Christian recording artist. Watch for more details.

Confirmation Class - Our United Methodist tradition calls for Infant Baptism and Confirmation is the method in which our young people make a profession of faith. We invite anyone in 5th -12th grades who has not been through confirmation to join us on this journey. An information meeting will be next Sunday, February 2, at 4 pm and the youth and parents are invited to come and check it out.

Financial Peace University - By know the Christmas bills have arrived and many people wonder what happened. *Financial Peace University* is a program that helps you manage your money, get out of debt, and find the freedom to give like you want to give. Watch for more details coming soon.

Please let us know if you want to participate in any of these opportunities.