

THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP

February 16
2014

The Sermon
on the Mount



Highland Park United Methodist Church

PRESERVICE MUSICOrganist

Forward Through the Ages UMH 555
Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed) UMH 583
Thy Word Is a Lamp UMH 601

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

Cry of My Heart by Peter Schottes

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Chancel Choir

Come Christians

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119)

Happy are those who are without blame.

Blessed are those who walk in God's way.

Happy are those who are faithful.

Blessed are those who seek God.

We will obey your word, O God.

We will praise you forever!

*HYMN OF ADORATION.....UMH 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of 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

Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace . Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....UMH 431

Let There Be Peace On Earth

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 5:21-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Sing of the Lord's Goodness by Ernest Sands

SERMON.....*Life Together!*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Organist

Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord by Terry Butler

*DOXOLOGY..... UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth . Amen

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION.....UMH 408

Gift of Love

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

Choose life!

We will love the Lord our God.

Choose life!

We will obey God in all we do.

Choose life!

We will hold fast to our God.

Choose life!

We choose life in God's love!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION.....UMH 666

Shalom

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist

With All Of My Heart by Batstone and Chapman

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

If you wish to become a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church, please let us know of your desire by speaking with Rev. Jim Jones. 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.

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST — Ciara Mitchell

ORGANIST & PIANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg

CHOIR DIRECTOR & PIANIST — Gayla Foster

ACOLYTES — Jacob Stine and Joey Wayman

GREETERS — Betty Cook and Wilma Spangler

Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Dedication, and Sending Forth: www.ministrymatters.com

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 — February 16

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

MONDAY—February 17

700 p.m. Mission and Service Team

TUESDAY — February 18

6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. *Living Faith* series - Tyler Zander
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — February 19

9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle at Judy Robinson's
1:15 p.m. Circle of Elizabeth
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — February 20

7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club

NEXT SUNDAY — February 23

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

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 **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**. The color remains **green** for the season after Epiphany which will continue through Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before Lent begins.

Who we are cannot be fulfilled in isolation. We were made for relationship and for passing on the life and love given to us by God. We've all experienced the pain of broken relationships and the joy of restored ones. How does our relationship to others define us? How does living in right relationship with friend and stranger send reverberations into the world and into the future?

Living Faith: Response to Life Faith after Loss

What does one do when the unimaginable happens? Tyler and his friend were working at a grain elevator during the summer of 2011, when his friend fell into the grain auger and was sucked in. Without thinking or hesitating, Tyler jumped in to help and doing so, lost his leg and much more. He struggled to make sense of this disaster and has learned to rely on the faith that he was raised on and that through this event, became more real than he ever thought possible.

Join us on February 18th for the first in a series of four speakers during our *Living Faith* series. Dinner will be served at 6 pm with the program beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be a time for questions and answers. The menu this week for dinner is *Joseppi's*.

Speakers for the remainder of the series are: February 25th - Hall Duncan, PhD., a retired professor from UCO, illustrator and author; March 4th - Adam Stroud, OSU Wesley Foundation staff, who will be speaking about faith in China; and Rev. Tish Malloy on March 11th, who will be sharing her journey of faith through the loss of a child.

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Thoughts for the Day!

Real Life Sacrifice

"I love to help the people who need it most. ... Seeing people who are needy motivates me to help." Amazingly, these aren't the words of a wealthy or comfortable person but of a teenager who, herself, is among the world's poorest. Her family lives in a Chilean slum and is assisted by a Christian human-services agency.

When fire broke out near the 16-year-old's home, leaving 220 already-destitute families homeless, the teenager and her mother donated their own blankets, towels and other supplies to people who'd lost the little they had. Her mother even gave away clothes she'd planned to sell for much-needed household income.

I was humbled to read of this girl and her mom. So often I "have contributed out of [my] abundance"; but this pair, "out of [their] poverty ... put in ... all [they] had to live on" (Mark 12:44, NRSV). —Heidi Mann

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9 Verses Not in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- "Money is the root of all evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")
- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)