

# Highland Park United Methodist Church

February 9, 2014

## THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP



PRESERVICE MUSIC .....Organist

Commune With Me by Kirk Dearman  
To Commune With You by Patsy Hilton Kline  
We Remember You by Rick Founds

### 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 .....Organist

Here I Am to Worship by Tim Hughes

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

### A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Chancel Choir

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 27*)

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.  
**Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.**  
Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.  
**Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.**  
Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.  
**Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.**  
Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.  
**Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.**  
Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.  
**Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.**

\*HYMN OF ADORATION.....UMH 402

*Lord I Want To Be A Christian*

MISSION MOMENT

Desiree Ingram

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

**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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION.....TFWS 2140

*Since Jesus Came Into My Life*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....*Living A Blessed Life!*

### A TIME FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING..... back panel

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

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

COMMUNION MUSIC..... Pianists

The Heart of Worship by Matt Redman  
Open the Eyes of My Heart by Paul Baloche  
Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,**

**and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Organist

*Jesus Love Me* by William Bradbury

\*DOXOLOGY..... UMH 94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Patient God, you sent your son into our midst to teach us that the things, that are valued by the world are not the things on which you would build your Kingdom. We have heard these words time after time, throughout the centuries, and still we follow the world: valuing the bold over the meek, the wealthy over the poor, embracing vengeance over mercy. As we give our gifts this morning, may we affirm for ourselves and to the world what Christ taught us – who is truly blessed in your sight. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen**

### A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION.....UMH 452

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

### A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

\*SENDING FORTH

Happy are we  
**when our treasures cannot be quantified.**  
Happy are we  
**when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**  
Happy are we  
**when our pain is held in the balm of love.**  
Happy are we  
**when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**  
Happy are we  
**Because we have found the love of God.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION.....UMH 666

*Shalom*

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist

*Family Song* by Steve Hampton

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

## 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 2**

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

#### **TUESDAY — February 4**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY — February 5**

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### **THURSDAY — February 6**

- 7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
- 12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club
- 7:00 p.m. UMW/UMM Joint Meeting

#### **NEXT SUNDAY — February 9**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Valentine's Day Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

#### **PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones  
LITURGIST — Joey Wayman  
ORGANIST & PIANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg  
CHOIR DIRECTOR & PIANIST — Gayla Foster  
ACOLYTES — Jacob Stine and Angel Bonar  
GREETERS — Rollin Reimer and Johnna Williams

#### Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship: [www.brucepewter.com](http://www.brucepewter.com), Bruce Pewter
- Prayer of Confession: [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com), John Birch
- Prayer of Dedication: [www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org), by Ken Sloane
- Sending Forth: [www.gbod.org](http://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 **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**. The color remains **green** for the season after Epiphany which will continue through Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before Lent begins.

Two of the most powerful and poetic lessons for life appear in the scripture readings this Sunday. The definition of beatitude is "supreme blessedness and happiness." In our search for happiness among the "stuff" of life, have we missed the point? What difference would it make to embody a love for justice and kindness in our everyday lives?

## Come Find out What These Symbols Mean



Lou Ann Jones will present a program on the Holocaust of World War II on Thursday, February 6th, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall as part of a joint United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men's meeting. In her career, the semester long class on the Holocaust was one of the student's favorite elective's.



Desserts and refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to come and share this evening filled with a message of hope in the midst of life's worst tragedies.

## UMW/UMM Joint Gathering Thursday, February 6th - 7:00 pm

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Office Hours:  
Daily from 9:00 a.m. 1 p.m.

# 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 good and fruitful work to give thanks to you, Almighty God, in all places and at all times and in all our tasks. In our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, following or leading. All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising your name and joining 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He taught us the truest lessons about friendship based on the people he spent time around. He called out fishermen and activists.

He healed the servant of a soldier. He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated his ministry to his disciples, empowered all his followers to do his divine work in this world.

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 as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering your mighty works in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, our unique locations for ministry in the world – homes and hospital, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls – 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 God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**