

**THE
COMMUNITY
IN
WORSHIP**

**February 23
2014**

**The Sermon
on the Mount**



**Highland Park
United Methodist Church**

PRESERVICE MUSICOrganist
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH 349
Jesu, Jesu UMH 432
Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)UMH 434

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
Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear) by Graham Kendrick

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Chancel Choir
Come We That Love The Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you had enough of the wisdom of the world?

Yes, we've had enough!

Do you want to know true wisdom?

Yes, we do!

Do you want to be taught, given, led, and confirmed
in the holiness of Christ Jesus, our Lord?

Yes, we long for this.

Come and embrace the ways of God,
the ways of true life and wisdom.

*HYMN OF ADORATION.....UMH 399
Take My Life and Let It Be

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 886
The World Methodist Social Affirmation

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

Reader 1: Holy God, forgive us for our sins against our community.

Reader 2: We have not provided for the poor or the alien in our land.

We have not paid just wages to those who labor. We have made life difficult for the blind, deaf, and those with special needs. We have rendered improper judgments about right and wrong. We have done harm to the environment.

Reader 1: Holy Jesus, forgive our sins against our neighbors.

Reader 2: We have not been generous. We have not prayed for our neighbors' needs. We have slandered friends and foes alike. We have loved ourselves more than we love others.

People: Holy Spirit, thank you for the assurance of forgiveness.
Help us move beyond our sin, that we may make the world a better place to live. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....UMH 395
Take Time To Be Holy

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
Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 5:38-48
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Going Beyond!*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Organist
As The Deer by Martin Nystrom

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Unimaginable Love, you sent your Son into our midst that we might see his way of love, which is so different from what the world has shown us. It calls us to give with extravagant generosity and to love those who wrong us. Holy God, bless the offering we give, and may what we share this morning be used to bring your compassion and grace to those who need it the most. May people know we belong to you by the way we love and the way we give. In the name of Christ, who gave all for us. Amen

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION.....UMH 405
Seek Ye First

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

If you belong to Christ, then you belong to God.

We belong to Christ; we are God's.

Go and be holy in the world, as God is holy.

**We will walk in the way of holiness,
giving glory to God in all we do.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION.....UMH 666
Shalom

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist
He Will Deliver Me by Bill Batstone

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.

Now that worship is over . . .

. . . Let our service begin!

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 — February 23

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Re-Ignite Workshop

TUESDAY — February 25

12:00 p.m. Newsletter Folding Team
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. *Living Faith* series - Dr. Hall Duncan
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — February 26

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — February 27

7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club
6:00 p.m. Skyline Graduation Committee

FRIDAY—February 28

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Camp Egan

SATURDAY— March 1

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Egan

NEXT SUNDAY — March 2

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.

Living fully into who we truly are produces such abundance that the fruits of the fields of our lives overflow. Offering this bounty with others is the command of God. But even more than that, the scriptures invite us to go beyond just what we have to offer, and also move into giving what we must strive to offer on behalf of love. How can we go the extra mile as a church?

Living Faith: Faith After Hurt

What good is our faith if it doesn't help us through the tough times of life? It's easy to be thankful and faithful when all is going well, but what happens when life doesn't go well? How do we handle the bad things of life that come our way? Authentic faith gets us through the tough so that we can enjoy the good. However, not everyone responds the same way.

Hall Duncan, PhD., will be our speaker for the *Living Faith* series on Tuesday, February 25th as he shares his story of faith. He is an author, illustrator, and retired university professor, and was a missionary in Africa. It was after he returned from Africa that he discovered the unimaginable had happened., his twin boys had been molested. His response: to help end child slavery and sexual abuse. His book, *Escape to Macaya*, is available for purchase at \$10 per copy. Dinner will be served at 6 pm (from Qdoba) and the program is at 6:30 pm.

Speakers for the remainder of the series are: 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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Opportunities in Lent

Ash Wednesday Service

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and our annual service will take place on March 5th, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. There will be music, scripture reading, meditation, and the Imposition of Ashes. Having the sign of the cross placed on your forehead is a voluntary action.

Sunday School Lent Bible Study

We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for a combined Sunday School class. Rev. Jim Jones will be leading this study using *Listen: Praying In a Noisy World* by Rueben Job. *Listen*, by Rueben P. Job, is a 40-day experience created to offer help to those new to prayer, those with a daily prayer routine, and those whose lives seem too busy to pray. The six weekly helps build and deepen prayer practice. As we learn to listen, we find a new depth and fulfillment in our relationship with God and a new experience of God as guide and companion in our lives. Books will be available at the church or you can purchase the e-book at www.cokesbury.com

Women's Bible Study

The Friday morning Bible Study, *For This I Know*, will begin on Friday, March 7th, at 10 am. This is a six week study that will be held during the Season of Lent and all women are invited to come and share. Do you have a longing to know God more intimately? Do you desire a rock-solid faith to believe God for the challenges you are facing, regardless of how you may feel? This powerful new book by award-winning Gospel singer-songwriter and Bible teacher Babbie Mason challenges you to examine your personal relationship with God and make up your mind to believe God's Word

Holy Week Community Services

The Stillwater Ministerium is sponsoring Holy Week Services during the noon hour at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, April 14 - 18. The entire community is invited to share together in these worship experiences. Rev. Jim Jones will be preaching on Monday,

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST —

ORGANIST & PIANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg

CHOIR DIRECTOR & PIANIST — Gayla Foster

ACOLYTES —

GREETERS —

Liturgical Resources:

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