

# Highland Park United Methodist Church



## The Community Gathered for Worship and Holy Communion September 1, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSIC .....Organist  
*He Is Lord* — Unknown  
*We Remember You* — Rick Founds  
*Cares Chorus* — Kelly Willard

### 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  
*Alleluia* — Jerry Sinclair

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

### A TIME FOR ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Liturgist The Lord has brought us up from the land of Egypt  
 and let us in the wilderness.  
**Men** in a land of deserts and pits  
**Women** in a land of drought and deep darkness  
 Liturgist in a land that no one passes through, where no one  
 lives.  
**All** **And brought us into a plentiful land to eat its fruits  
 and its good things.**

\*HYMN OF GATHERING .....UMH 57  
*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v 1-5)

### 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, and 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 GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14  
 This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON.....*Living Off The Land!*

### A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY .....Organist  
*Holy, Holy* — Jimmy Owens

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, since the time of Abraham, your people have been bringing you the first fruits of their harvests. And so we come today to bring you the fruits of our labors. We ask your blessing upon them, that they be used for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A TIME FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING..... back page

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

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

COMMUNION MUSIC .....Organist

*As the Deer* — Martin Nystrom  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* — from "Schlesische Volkslieder"  
*Sweet By and By* — Joseph P. Webster

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery. We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving in your mission wherever we go. Amen.

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION .....UMH 557  
*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

### A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

\*SENDING FORTH

The earth has brought forth is abundance, and some are richly blessed.

**Those with much blessing: prepare your banquets and invite those who cannot repay you and those in need of blessing; Your invitation is on the way.**

Host or guest at the banquets to come in this age or in the next, the Spirit now sends you.

**We rejoice in God's provision in earth, and sea and sky and every human heart beating out Christ's love. Amen.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION .....UMH 666  
*Shalom to You*

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE ..... Organist  
*Jesus is Coming Again* — John W. Peterson

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

\*indicates congregation standing

### PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST— Justyn Stine

ORGANIST— Claudia Mornhinweg

CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster

ACOLYTES — Jacob Stine and Caden Stine

GREETERS — Jerry and Judy Robinson

### LITURGICAL RESOURCES

- Call to Worship and .Sending Forth: *Seasons of Creation*, www.gbod.org.
- Prayer of Confession: *United Methodist Hymnal*, p 12.
- Great Thanksgiving: *United Methodist Hymnal*, p 13ff, adapted using [www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org) *Propers for A Great Thanksgiving for the Festival of God's Creation*.
- Prayer Following Communion: *A Great Thanksgiving for the Festival of God's Creation*, www.gbod.org

## 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 — September 1

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

### MONDAY — September 2

- Labor Day
- Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY — September 3

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY — September 4

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### THURSDAY — September 5

7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang  
12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club  
4:00 p.m. Golden Oaks Chapel Service

### FRIDAY — September 6

10:00 a.m. Newsletter Article Deadline

### SATURDAY — September 7

2:00 pm 50th Anniversary Reception for Bill and Rose Edwards (from 2-5 pm)  
6:00 p.m. Neighborhood Ice Cream Social and CrossRock concert (see insert)

### NEXT SUNDAY — September 8

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship



# Words on Worship

Today is the **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. The color for this entire season is **green**. This Sunday is also designated **Labor Sunday** since it is the Sunday before Labor Day.

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration during the month of September, begun some two decades ago in Australia, and now spreading throughout Protestant denominations in New Zealand, Canada, England, Europe, and the United States. We will be exploring these themes of creation during the month of September.

This weekend is a time to rest from our labors. But this is also an opportunity to reflect on our daily work and discern whether our effort is thankless and uninteresting or something that gives us deep and lasting satisfaction. God intends for our work to be much more than a job, much more than a daily grind. It should be, instead, a vocation — which means, quite literally, a “calling.” In Romans 12:2, Paul challenges us with the words: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.” The apostle’s advice, then, is to be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Paul says be transformed by discovering what the Lord God is calling you to do.

### GLOSSARY OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS**—HPUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 814.
- **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**—the second Sunday of every month, the entire congregation is invited to a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the worship service.
- **GOLDEN OAKS CHAPEL SERVICE**—as scheduled, HPUMC conducts a chapel service at Golden Oaks Village.
- **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.
- **UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)**—a monthly fellowship of the men of the church.
- **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)**—a fellowship of the women of the church.

### 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You set us free to live in your garden, and gave us dominion over all other creatures. You put us in your garden to till it and keep it. But we have treated your garden as if it were ours, and we have exploited and damaged it to pleasure our own desires. 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 to call us back to you, and to our responsibility as stewards of your creation. 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem us and all creation, and to proclaim the coming of your kingdom, when all things will be restored. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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 as instruments of your redemption and as gardeners in your creation 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 the earth: 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 of healing your creation, and all souls within it 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 for ever.

**AMEN.**

And here is Love,  
Such love as banquets for a guest,  
Such love as deigns to call me guest,  
Here is such Love.

In me this Love,  
Such love as bids me sit the least,  
Await the call to where I go  
In me such Love.

Through you this Love  
Such love as honors lowest best  
Such love as holds the broken dear  
Through you in me, such Love!

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