

Highland Park United Methodist Church

season of
creation

The Community Gathered for Worship
September 29, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSIC.....Piano Duets arr. Larry Moore
Beautiful Savior
Nearer My God, To Thee
Rock of Ages

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

PRELUDEPiano Duet
Lord, I Lift Your Name On High — arr. By Phillip Keveren

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Soldiers of Christ Arise

A TIME FOR ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP
How good it is to dwell in the shelter of the Most High!
To abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
For those who abide in the shadow of the Almighty will say
My God is my refuge and my fortress in whom I trust.
The Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And will cover us with his pinions.
Under the Lord's wings you will find refuge,
For God's faithfulness is our shield.

*HYMN OF GATHERINGUMH 147
All Things Bright and Beautiful

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....UMH 883
Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*THE GLORIA PATRI.....UMH 70
Glory Be to the Father

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
O Lord, as we focus on creation, we see glimpses of what you must have envisioned. In our lives, we catch moments of perfection, moments when we feel your presence. But then the world slips back in and we go back to our regular ways. Forgive us for our failing to strive after you daily and help us to reclaim those moments that you break through into our world and make yourself known to us. 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 NEW TESTAMENT I Timothy 6:6-29

ANTHEM Chancel Choir with congregation
On Eagles Wings — UMH 143

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 16:19-31
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....Rev. Jim Jones
A Season of Creation: When God Lives Within!

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORYPiano Duet
Abide With Me arr. By Larry Moore

*DOXOLOGYUMH 94
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord, when we ask you to come into our lives, it meant that you were not just a guest but a part of us. Because of that, we recognize that all that we possess not only comes from you but it belongs to you. We give you thanks for blessing us in so many ways and we bring these gifts as a way to do our part in the work of Christ in this world. 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 452
My Faith Looks Up To Thee

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

In the name of Jesus I say to you, let there be no more great gulfs fixed between you.

Go forth and dwell.

Dwell with your families. Dwell with your neighbors.

Dwell with the creatures who live with you, and around you, all of them, great and small.

And as you do, dwell richly in God, One in Three, and Three in One,
For God will always come when we call. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION UMH 665
Go Now In Peace (Sung as a Round)

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Piano Duet
Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus — arr. by Larry Moore

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST— Jerry Davis

CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster

ORGANIST—Claudia Mornhinweg

ACOLYTES — Joey Wayman and Jacob Stine

GREETERS — Sue and Wendel Stephens

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

- Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 91
- Sending Forth: adapted from A Season of Creation, www.gbod.org

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 — September 29

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

TUESDAY — October 1

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — October 2

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — October 3

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

SATURDAY — October 5

Oklahoma Conference UMW Annual Meeting at
Poteau First UMC

NEXT SUNDAY — October 6

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

Words on Worship

Today is the **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. The color for this entire season is **green**. 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.

Today our focus is on dwelling. "Dwelling" may have become a quaint word in current usage. As a noun, it is a bit of an anachronistic way to refer to a house. We do still have the phrase "try not to dwell on it" in somewhat common usage. But with the exception, perhaps, of some older translations of the psalms and a handful of choir anthems or songs some may still sing, ("[O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings](#)," based on Psalm 84 or "[On Eagle's Wings](#)," based on Psalm 91), "dwelling" is no longer a word we often hear, even in worship. We conclude this year's Season of Creation, then, contemplating what it may mean for us to dwell deeply with God, neighbor, and all creation in ways that bring life, and hope and community to all

Liturgist

A liturgist is one who assists in worship by leading the congregation in the readings and prayers. They also assist the pastor in administering the sacraments, both Baptism and Holy Communion. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please let us know of your desire to serve.

Church Conference

You are invited to be part of our annual Charge/Church Conference which will be held on October 17th, at 6:30 pm. This is an annual event in which we celebrate the ministry of the past year and set our goals for 2014. All members of the church are members of the Church Conference.

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.
- **UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)**—a monthly fellowship of the men 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

Special Days

There are several special Sundays in October that will be highlighted during our worship services. We hope that you can be here for these as each Sunday has a different focus. Be sure to invite your friends to join us for these times of celebration. In October, our special Sundays are:

World Communion Sunday - October 6th - This day calls for the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. It was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and by Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren shortly thereafter. It is a day to remind ourselves that not only are we in communion with Christ, we are also connected to all believers around the world through him.

Children Sabbath - October 13th - An annual observance sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund and marked with special worship services, learning programs and advocacy activities, the goal of the weekend is to engage people of faith in the lives of children and their families. According to sponsors, the national Children's Sabbath celebration is "a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine... offering the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children."

Laity Sunday/Youth Sunday - October 20th - Celebrated the 3rd Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. This year we have asked our youth to lead us in worship as a way to remind ourselves that God calls all people into ministry.

Reformation Sunday - October 27th - This day is observed on October 31st or the last Sunday in October to remind us that on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther issued his 95 Theses in Wittenberg and began the Protestant Reformation. As we recall his actions, it is a reminder that the Church in all times is being called back to our original purpose and vision.

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