

Highland Park United Methodist Church

*The Community
Gathered for Worship and Celebration on*

Children's Sabbath

October 13, 2013



PRESERVICE MUSIC.....Organist
Favorite Children's Hymns

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
Our God Is An Awesome God

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Chancel Choir
Come Christians

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This day is Children's Sabbath!

We will give thanks and seek justice for the children in our midst and all across our nation.

Come, let us worship God.

For we are all the children of God.

*HYMN OF GATHERING UMH 277
Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN
(Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children return to their seats)

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot change what we do not confess. Hear us, O God, as we confess the ways that we have failed you by failing to love and protect all children. Forgive us for weeping without work, for love without labor, for prayer without action. There is violence in our world, nation, and communities, and even in some of our homes— We confess that too often we deny it instead of resolving it. There is anger, fear, and pain in our nation and neighborhoods, schools and souls— forgive us for failing to respond with love to help and heal it. Guide us in your ways of peace and love, justice and joy, forgiveness and faithfulness. Help us now to turn in a new direction, trusting that your hand will lead us and your vision will guide us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CENTERING HYMN.....TFWS 2145
I've Got Peace Like A River

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.

THREE-FOLD CHORAL AMEN

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
Little Jewels arranged by Ruth Artman (with bells)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE — Jeremiah 31:27-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....The Sins of the Father

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Piano/Organ Duet
God Is So Good

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, like children who receive what they have from their parents, so we acknowledge that what we have is a gift from you. We come to give back to you what you have offered us. Bless these gifts and use them to transform lives and bring about the peace of Christ for all people. 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 431
Let There Be Peace On Earth

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

Go out into the world in peace and have courage;

We hold on to what is good; and will return no one evil for evil;

Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering;

We will honor all people as we love God and serve the Lord,

Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit

For Jesus is with us calling us to care for all God's children.

Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION*Love Round*
Love, love, love, love, Christians this is your call
To love your neighbor as yourself, 'Cause God loves us all

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist
Deep and Wide

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST — ORGANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg

CHOIR DIRECTOR/PIANIST — Gayla Foster

GREETERS — Minnie Moore and Billie Wyatt

ACOLYTES — Misty McGuire and Joey Wayman

HANDBELLS — Linda Ely, Nancy Meyer,

Connie Pruitt, Sue Stephens

Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Sending Forth (adapted): *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* Manual 2013.

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 — October 13

- Children's Sabbath
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY — October 15

- Newsletter Folding
 - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle
- 1:15 p.m. Circle of Elizabeth
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — October 17

- 7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
- 12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club
- 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference

FRIDAY — October 18

- 5:30 p.m. OSU Homecoming "Walk Around"

SATURDAY — October 19

- 8:00 a.m. OSU Homecoming Parade
- 11:00 a.m. OSU Homecoming Game

NEXT SUNDAY — October 20

- Laity/ Sunday
- Guest Preacher: Karen Mitchell
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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Words on Worship

Today is the **21st Sunday after Pentecost**. The liturgical color remains **green**. It is also the national observance of **Children's Sabbath**.

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Weekend is an annual, multi-faith holiday that celebrates children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for communities of faith to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect, and advocate for all children. Through the service of worship, educational programs, and congregational activities, we affirm what we already do with and for children in your community, state, and our nation.

This weekend is a part of a broader Children's Sabbaths movement that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration.

Laity Sunday/Youth Sunday October 20th, 2013

10:30 am Worship Service

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate *Laity Sunday*, a time set aside to remind us of the ministry of all people. This year our service will be led by our Youth as we also celebrate *Youth Sunday*. They have spent the last several weeks designing the worship service and Karen Mitchell will be our guest preacher. Come and support our youth as they remind us that ministry truly is in the hands of the laity.

GLOSSARY OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS**—HPUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 814.
- **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**—a sub grouping of the UMW that meets in the afternoons for fellowship & programs.
- **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.
- **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.
- **REBEKAH CIRCLE**—a sub grouping of the UMW that meets in the mornings for fellowship & programs.

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

Thoughts for the Day!

A Child's Prayer for Protection

If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life — and find comfort in it yourself:



**God in heaven, hear my prayer.
Keep me in thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.**

A Strong Harvest

Seeds of strength are planted in the soils of weakness. Your most uplifting strength tomorrow may grow from your most debilitating weakness today.

—V. Gilbert Beers

A Call to Serve

Ruth M. Walsh wrote: "I was naked, and you questioned my lack of modesty in my appearance. I was imprisoned, and you debated the legal aspects of interference. I was penniless, and you discussed tax-deductible donations from your wealth. I was sick, and you thanked the Lord for the blessings of your health. I was hungry, and you formed a committee to study malnutrition. I was homeless, and you said God's love was shelter under any condition. I was lonely, and you left me by myself while you and your friends prayed. You seem so holy and close to God, yet I'm still sick and alone and afraid!"

By contrast, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV). When we fail to serve our neighbors, we fail to serve Jesus. Yet when we feed the hungry, we're actually feeding Jesus. When we visit the sick, we're actually visiting Jesus. And when we love one another, we're actually loving Jesus.

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