

Highland Park United Methodist Church



October 20, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSIC Organist
Medley of 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 Dillon Bertholf
Love Divine, All Love Excelling

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Come, Christians Join to Sing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is faithful to all His promises
The Lord is loving to all He has made
The Lord is near to all those who call upon Him
The Lord is loving to all He has made
The Lord lifts up all those who are bowed down
The Lord is loving to all He has made
The Lord is righteous in all His ways
Let every creature praise His holy name

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 398
Jesus Calls Us

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 885
A Modern 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

Gracious God Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change: Open us to a future in which we can be changed; And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; Through Jesus Christ the light of the world. 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.

THREE-FOLD CHORAL AMEN

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE — Daniel 3:19-28
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Karen Mitchell
"Keeping Your Cool Through The Fire"

SPECIAL MUSIC Youth and Congregation
How Great is Our God

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Piano/Cello Duet
Karely Estes and Ben Koch

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and merciful God from whom all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 TFWS 2153
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

Sometimes we are not able to control our circumstances
But we know that God is on our side
Whatever fires are placed before us
God will be there to walk us through
We know that God will save us and rescue us
Strengthen our bodies and our spirits and stay close to us in the darkness.
The fires of our faith will keep us connected
Keep calm and pray on

*CHORAL BENEDICTION UMH 133
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE Braven Wisehart
Praise Jesus

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

GUEST PREACHER — Karen Mitchell
MUSICIANS — Dillon Bertholf, Karley Estus, Ben Koch,
and Braven Wisehart
CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster
GREETERS — Nancy Myers and Loretta Bertholf
ACOLYTES — Jacob Stine and Ciara Mitchell

Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication: www.gbod.org (aging section).
- Prayer of Confession: www.beliefnet.com.
- Affirmation of Faith: Steve Garnaas-Holmes from the website: www.gbod.org/worship © 2008.

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 20

- Blanket Sunday I
- Laity Sunday
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

MONDAY — October 21

- 7:00 p.m. Mission and Service Team

TUESDAY — October 22

- Harvest II Food Drive begins (ends on November 3)
 - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — October 23

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — October 24

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

FRIDAY — October 25

- 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due

NEXT SUNDAY — October 27

- Blanket Sunday II
- Harvest II Food Drive
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 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 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. The liturgical color remains **green**. Today is also called **Laity Sunday**, celebrated in the United Methodist Church on the third Sunday of every October.

This special Sunday was established by the General Conference and focuses on the celebration of the ministry of all lay Christians. On Laity Sunday, the church is encouraged to celebrate the ministry of all lay Christians, as their lives are empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit.

In many local churches (such as ours), Laity Sunday is observed by having lay persons lead all parts of the worship service. The General Board of Discipleship has the responsibility to provide the general supervision and resources for Laity Sunday.



What We'd Like to Hear in Church

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

GLOSSARY OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS**—HPUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 814 which meets on Tuesday at 7 pm.
- **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.

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Office Hours:

Daily from 9:30—11:30 am & 1:00—3:00 pm

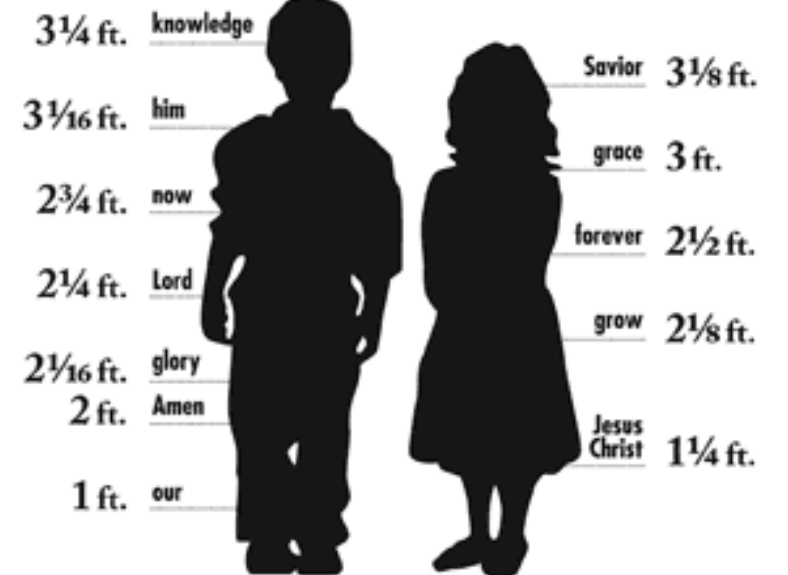
For Kids!



Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.



"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
 _____ and _____
 To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____"

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV

God receives none but those who are forsaken, restores health to none but those who are sick, gives sight to none but the blind, and life to none but the dead. ... He has mercy on none but the wretched and gives grace to none but those who are in disgrace.

Martin Luther