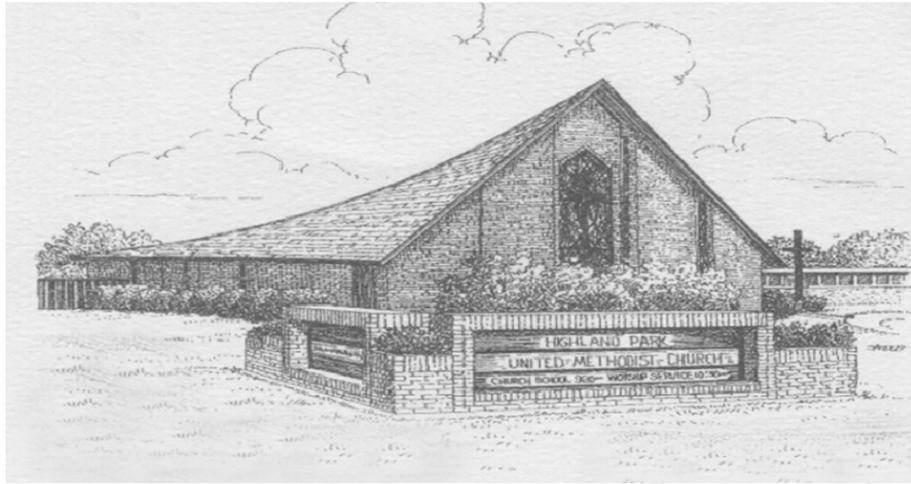


Highland Park United Methodist Church



THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSICOrganist
Battle Hymn of the Republic — Julia Ward Howe
Our Country, 'Tis of Thee (America)
America, the Beautiful — Samuel A. Ward

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
Song for the Nations — Chris Christensen

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus spoke the language of the people of his day.
He spoke so that his listeners would know of God's love.
So today we use images of our modern time to do the same.
For we also want to let people experience the love of Christ.
Let us rejoice as we hear God speak to us.
And may God use us to reach others for Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 122
God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

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

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

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 God, we get so used to what is comfortable for us and we don't want to change. We like things the way they are and our tendency is to ask others to become like us. Yet we know that you came to others to serve them. And you ask us to be servants too. Change our hearts so that all that we do points to you and that others come to believe. Use us to speak the language of love that comes from God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF RESPONSEUMH 206
I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

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

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Make Me A Servant by Kelly Williams

READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Luke 13:23-33
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....*The Gospel According to the Hunger Games: Servanthood*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Duet
America, the Beautiful — Samuel A. Ward

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have been blessed in so many ways and so many times. As recipients of God's blessing, we are also called to bless others. Lord, we ask that you would accept these gifts in the spirit in which they are given and use us to bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATIONUMH 344
Lord, You Have Come To the Lakeshore

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION UMH 666
Shalom

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE..... Duet
America Marches On — arranged by Jolene Boyd

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you have been attending Highland Park and are ready to place your church membership here or are ready to make a profession of faith, please contact our pastor, Rev. Jim Jones, and visit with him about your intentions.

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones
LITURGIST— Ciara Mitchell
ORGANIST— Claudia Mornhinweg
CHOIR DIRECTOR/PIANIST — Gayla Foster
GREETERS — Wendell and Sue Stephens
ACOLYTES — Ciara Mitchell and Misty McGuire

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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:30 - 11:30 am and 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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 — November 10

- Veteran's Day
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
Program on Bolivia by Jerry Davis
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 - 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee



MONDAY — November 11

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY — November 12

- Newsletter Folding
 - 6:00 p.m. Stillwater Travel Club
 - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — November 13

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — November 14

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

NEXT SUNDAY — November 17

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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

Words on Worship

Today is the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**. The color for this entire season is **green**.

A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips

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A Hymn of Praise

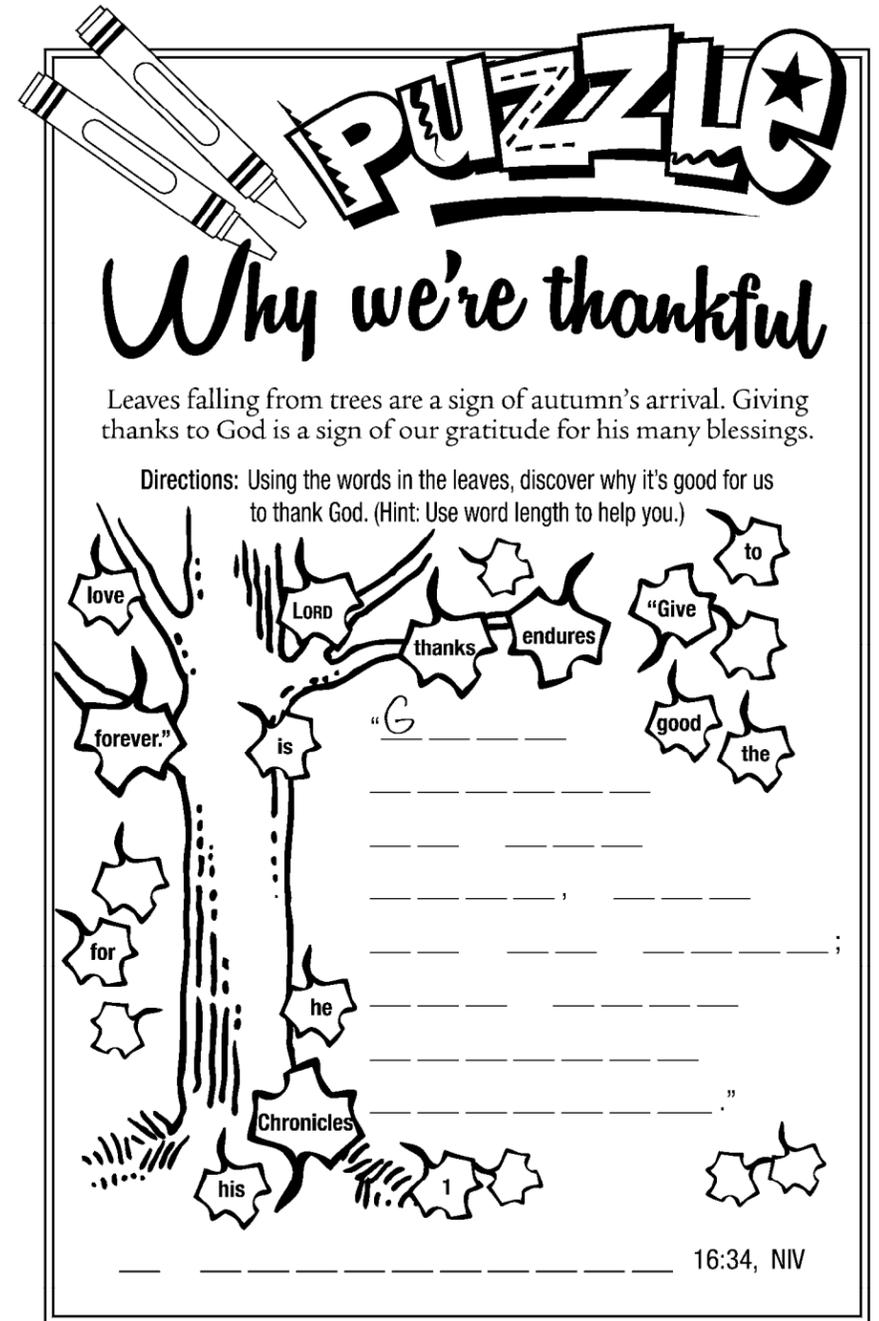
The familiar hymn often called "The Doxology" or "The Common Doxology" was written by Thomas Ken in 1674 as the concluding verse of a morning hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," and an evening hymn, "Glory to Thee, My God, This Night." The lyrics are appropriate for any time of giving or thanksgiving. Consider using this hymn as your Thanksgiving dinner prayer.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Some church bodies have altered the words to "The Doxology" slightly, but the overall sentiment — praising the Triune God — remains the same. How profound to know that when we sing it, we join Christians around the world and across nearly 440 years!

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.
- **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 FOLDING**—a group of volunteers that meets every other Tuesday afternoon at the church to help fold and prepare the newsletters for mailing. Extra help is always needed and welcomed.
- **REBEKAH CIRCLE**—a sub grouping of the UMW that meets in the mornings for fellowship & programs.



Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

Eucharisteo

Ann Voskamp, author of the book *One Thousand Gifts* (Zondervan), embraced the concept of *eucharisteo*, a Greek word that means thanksgiving, after a friend challenged her to list 1,000 things for which she was grateful.

Of the experiment, Voskamp writes: "Living a lifestyle of intentional gratitude became an unintentional test in the trustworthiness of God."

"Can God be counted on?" Voskamp asks. "Count [your own] blessings and find out!"