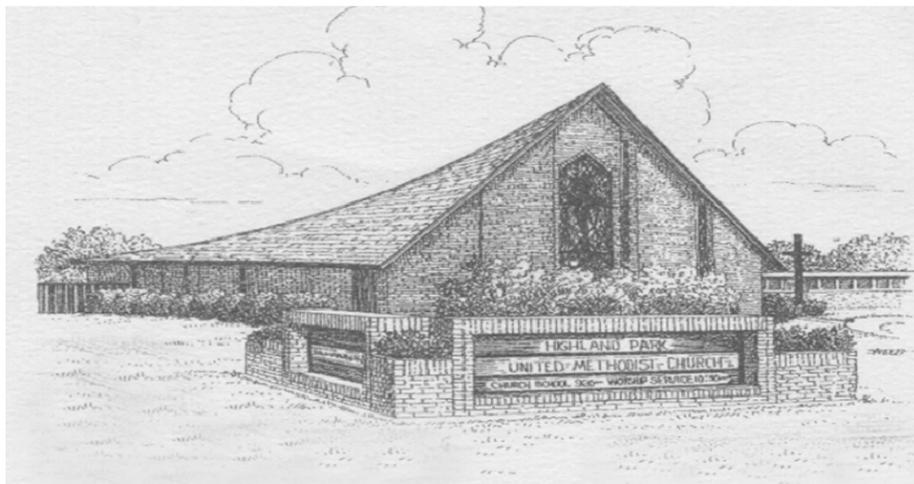


Highland Park United Methodist Church



THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSIC Organist
As The Deer - Martin Nystrom
I Will Bless The Lord - Frank Hernandez
Exalt The Lord Our God - Rick Riding

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
This Is The Day - Les Garrett

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name.

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 384
Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

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

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 334
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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 Choir and Congregation
Let All the People Praise Thee by Natalie Sleeth
 Congregation: UMH 117 verses 1 and 3
 Trumpet: Dirk Wilson

READING FROM THE GOSPELS — John 15:9-17
 This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Duet
Jesus, Name Above All Names— Naida Hearn

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How good it is to be called children of God and to know that we have inherited God's grace. As God's people, we come to worship and praise our Savior. We also come to renew our spirits as we go out into the world in the name of Christ. We ask, O God, that you bless these gifts and use us to bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION UMH 408
The Gift of Love

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

There are wars and rumors of war.

We listen to Jesus.

There are signs of destruction to come, signs of terrorism and nuclear war, signs of environmental disaster.

We listen to Jesus.

There are a thousand things we can do today: Sports, shopping, movies, texting, games, fun with friends, and things we may be tempted to enjoy but not want some others to know.

We listen to Jesus.

Jesus sends us into this world, with its wars, its fears, its troubles, its distractions, its diversions, and its temptations.

We follow Jesus into this world, not out of it!

Listen to his voice. Rely on the Spirit's strength.

Trust the love of the one he called Father.

We are sent to speak and live with one another and our neighbors as living signs of God's Truth. Amen!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION UMH 666
Shalom

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE Duet
Great Is The Lord Almighty - Dennis Jernigan

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 — Gayla Foster

GREETERS — Shannon and Mike Chace

ACOLYTES — Angel Bonar and Joey Wayman

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

- Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession: UM Book of Worship
- Sending Forth: 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 — November 17

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

MONDAY — November 18

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

TUESDAY — November 19

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — November 20

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

THURSDAY — November 21

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

FRIDAY — November 22

10:00 a.m. Newsletter Article Due

NEXT SUNDAY — November 24

- Christ the King Sunday
- United Methodist Student Day
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary Decoration for Advent
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Words on Worship

Today is the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**. The color for this entire season is **green**. Next Sunday is Christ the King Sunday and the last Sunday before the Season of Advent. We will begin the celebration of Advent on December 1st.

Preparation for worship

“Oh, when the saints go marching in ... Lord, I want to be in that number!”
Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of salvation that ensures I will be among the saints in heaven.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we come before you in worship, O God. Open our hearts to hear your Word and receive your love.

We lift our worship leaders to you, God. May your Holy Spirit rest on them as they lead us in praise, prayer, and reflection.

Christ, you are King of the whole world. Please be King of my heart and life, as well. Amen.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, generous God, make us mindful of ways to use our blessings to bless others.

The Lord has called us together in worship not for his sake only but also for ours — that we may be renewed with forgiveness, encouraged by God's Word and strengthened through Christian fellowship.

“O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our lives. Welcome!

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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.
- **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 USHER STAND
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS (AGES 3-6 AND 7-12) ARE AVAILABLE
- INDIVIDUAL LISTENING DEVICES FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE

Thoughts for the Day

St. Benedict's Rule

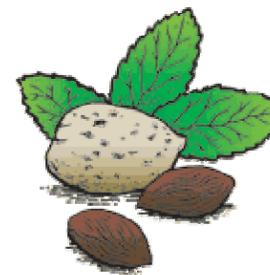
When St. Benedict wrote guidelines for Christian living more than 1,300 years ago, he focused on gratitude.

The first rule is simply this: Live this life and do whatever is done in a spirit of Thanksgiving.
Abandon attempts to achieve security; they are futile.
Give up the search for wealth; it is demeaning.
Quit the search for salvation; it is selfish.
And come to comfortable rest in the certainty that those who participate in this life with an attitude of Thanksgiving will receive its full promise.

The Whole Pie

How easy it is to miss the point of living. ... It is too easy to become an algebra pie with [one slice for each part — work, family, school, recreation — and] only one slice for God. [But] God is the whole pie!

Perhaps God's presence among us is brighter and more extravagant than we have imagined. Perhaps the very idea of life is to experience and discover God *in* it. Maybe we are meant to journey not only *toward* God or even *for* God, but *with* God.



Christian Symbol Almond

In Numbers 17:1-8, God settles a dispute among the Israelites by directing Moses to obtain a staff from each of Israel's 12 tribes and to place the staffs in the Tent of Meeting. The one representing the tribe God chose would sprout. The next day, not only had the staff of Aaron, representing the tribe of Levi, sprouted, but it had blossomed and borne ripe almonds. Thus, the almond came to symbolize God's approval. By extension, it has also been used as a symbol of the Virgin Mary, who found divine favor and was chosen to bear God's Son.

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