

# Highland Park United Methodist Church



## **A Service of Thanksgiving on Christ the King Sunday November 24, 2013**

PRESERVICE MUSIC ..... Organist  
*It's Time to Praise the Lord* — Bruce Borneman  
*Glorify You* — Lenny LeBlanc  
*Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praise* — James Greenelsh

### 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 and Pianist  
*We Gather Together* — David Paxton  
 (Tune: KREMSE, traditional Dutch melody)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

### A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT ..... *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,**

**our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.**

\*OPENING HYMN ..... UMH 327  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION —United Methodist Student Day

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

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS ..... Jeremiah 23:5-6

CHORAL ANTHEM ..... *Give Thanks*  
 by Henry Smith, arranged by Ken Barker

### A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world the endless cycle of nature of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see our lips to praise and our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread and our footsteps be worthy of following for they lead to you. 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

HYMN ..... UMH 310  
*He Lives*

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE ..... Luke 23:33-43

SERMON ..... Who Wants A King?

### A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ..... Organist  
*That Grace May About* — Michael Scott

\*DOXOLOGY ..... UMH 95  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bountiful God, you touch the earth with strength, bringing forth food for the harvest; you visit the earth with rain, watering the ground to sustain our lives; you crown the year with bounty, blessing your people with joy and prosperity. May our offering sow love in the world that the harvest may be bountiful. Amen.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.**

**We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

### A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION ..... UMH 705  
*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

### A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

\*SENDING FORTH  
 We began this worship service with thanksgiving. I call on you now to move out into the world with thanksgiving.

**O give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.**

Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience, let thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer, let thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform, let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may have to endure.

**O give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION ..... UMH 666  
*Shalom*

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE ..... Organist  
*Let the Earth Rejoice* — Dan Burgess

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

\*indicates congregation standing

## 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 24

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary Decoration for Advent
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

#### MONDAY—November 25

#### TUESDAY — November 26

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

#### THURSDAY — November 28

- Thanksgiving
- Church Office Closed

#### FRIDAY — November 29

- Church Office Closed

#### NEXT SUNDAY — December 1

- First Sunday of Advent
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (1st Sunday of Advent Study “Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam”)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 to 5 p.m. Advent Event: Craft Workshop
- 5 to 6 p.m. Advent Event: Spaghetti Dinner
- 6 to 7 p.m. Advent Worship - Hanging of the Greens



# Words on Worship

Today is the **last Sunday of the Christian year**. It is called **Christ the King Sunday**. The liturgical color is **white**. It is also the Sunday before **Thanksgiving** and in the United Methodist Church, it is **United Methodist Student Day** when we receive a special offering which goes to support scholarship and student loans for our UM students.

As you worship today, please reflect on this poem written by Bruce Catton which reminds us about the importance of celebrating and remembering Thanksgiving:

*They went to church that day in Plymouth town,  
To thank God for his goodness.  
For they had known hunger, pain and want, gone thinly clad  
Through iron winter, thrown the gauntlet down  
To death himself, and let him take his toll,  
And now they had won through ...  
And so they prayed  
Their word of thanks, and stood up unafraid  
And faced the future with undaunted soul.*

#### PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

- PREACHER - Rev. Jim Jones
- LITURGIST - Jon Blount
- ORGANIST - Claudia Mornhinweg
- CHOIR DIRECTOR - Gayla Foster
- ACOLYTES - Jacob Stine and Ciara Mitchell
- GREETERS - Betty Cook and Johna Williams

#### LITURGICAL RESOURCES

- Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Prayers of Confession and Dedication: *Abingdon Worship Annual 2011*, pp.235-60.
- Affirmation of Faith: [www.gbod.org/worship](http://www.gbod.org/worship); © Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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# Kid's Page



## He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

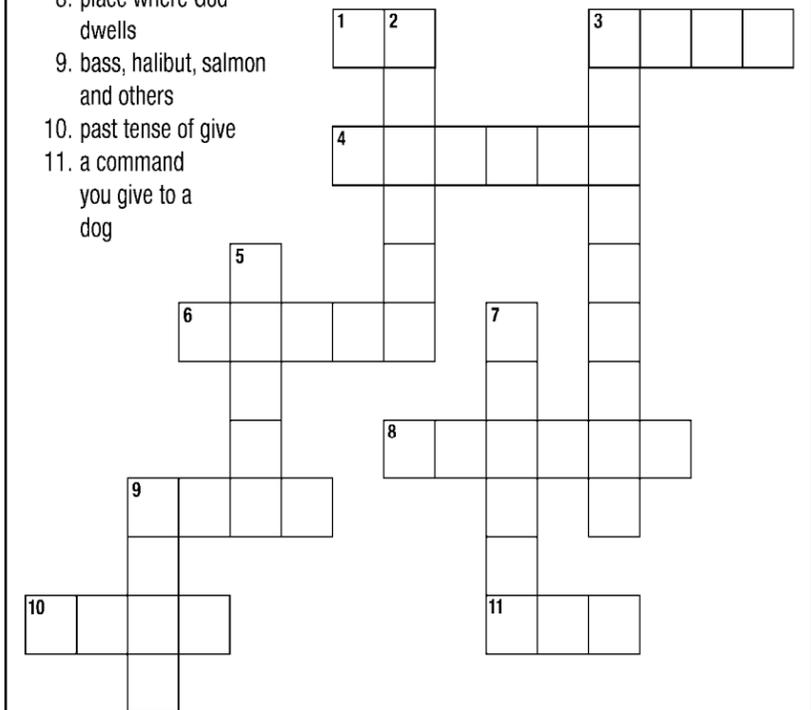
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

#### Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

#### Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. \_\_\_\_\_ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit  
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

### 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