

Highland Park United Methodist Church

ALL SAINTS DAY November 3, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSICOrganist

Come To Me — John L. Bell
Jesus Paid It All— John Grape
Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door— Spiritual

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 Piano Duet
We Gather Together— Netherlands Folk Melody

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT.....Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*HYMN OF PROCESSION UMH 711

For All the Saints

During the processional hymn, the All Saints banner will be placed on the chancel and remain throughout the service. It is adorned with the names of your saints.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I looked over Jordan, that river we all will eventually cross...

O Lord, what a vision.

I could see the saints singing and dancing. I saw grandpa fishing in the Crystal Sea, I heard grandma humming in the kitchen.

O Lord, what a vision.

There were countless others, all faithful disciples, gathered worshipping...That old man who sang solos in the choir, That young man whose life was cut short in that accident...

O Lord what a vision.

But the most amazing thing I saw as I looked over Jordan...

Yes? Yes?

Was the man standing in the shallows, smiling, saying

"Welcome home."

A TIME TO REMEMBER OUR SAINTS

SCRIPTURE READING — Hebrews 11:1-2; 12:1-2

ROLL CALL OF THE HONORED DEAD (As each name is read, a candle will be lit in honor of the named person.)

- ◆ Sammie Barnard
- ◆ Harry Wyatt
- ◆ Gloria Confer
- ◆ Vicki Hall
- ◆ Kitty Jacob

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, thank you for your saints in history and those today who help show us what it means to live according to your will. Help us to follow their example and to be part of your cloud of witnesses. Forgive us when we fail and remind us that saints are not perfect, but those who are faithful. 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

READING FROM THE EPISTLES — *Ephesians 1:11-23*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....*Estate Planning At Its Best!*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORYOrganist

Fill My Cup, Lord— Richard Blanchard

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of heaven and earth, we come to you with our gifts and ask your blessing upon them. We also pray that as they are used to change our world, you also change our hearts so that we may be an example of faithfulness for others. Amen.

A TIME FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING back page

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

(Offerings left on the Communion Rail will go to our Local Benevolence Fund.)

COMMUNION MUSIC..... Organist

Open Our Eyes— Robert Cull

Thy Word— Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

Give Thanks— Henry Smith

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We thank you for this feast of love and victory, which is a foretaste of the day when all the faithful shall gather, reunited in Christ. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of 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 UMH 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

Today we have come to celebrate life.

And we remember all our saints who have gone before us.

Even more, we remember Christ who died and lives again.

We give thanks for this blessing of life.

Go forth as saints, those who believe in Jesus and follow his way.

May our lives be an example of what it means to follow Christ. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION UMH 666

Shalom

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Organist

The Glory of Heaven

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing