

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

The asterisk () indicates those times in the worship when those who are able are invited to stand, if you choose to do so.*

PRELUDE

OPENING CHORUSES #2071 (2x), #2152

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)

***CALL to WORSHIP**

L: Jesus has called us here this day.

P: We are here, although for some of us it was not an easy choice.

L: Often what we say and do are very different things.

P: But we long to follow God's will, not with lip service, but with true humility.

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

P: Now is the time of healing, restoration, and hope. AMEN.

***HYMN** "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

***UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION**

How quick we are to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are weak and easily drawn away by cares and fears. We pledge ourselves to working for your kingdom but find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop our commitments to serving you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

THE SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-13

CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:23-32

THE MESSAGE "Living Sunday's Faith in a Monday World!"

***HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH 382

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
OUR 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.

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERING

Offertory Music

Presentation of our Offering

***Doxology (No. 95 UMH)**

***Prayer (Unison)**

Father, like the second son in Jesus' parable we have said that we want to follow your teachings and show your love to the world, but there are still too many times when we resist you. Help our hearts and our bodies to follow our promises that we might serve you not with words alone, but by doing your work even as we return a part of your abundance so that your work may truly be done. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Precious Name" UMH 536

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Next Sunday, October 2nd, is **World Communion Sunday**. As we gather around the table we'll be remembering that Christians around the world are symbolically gathering with us. A special offering, from which 50% of the proceeds go for ethnic scholarships that enable persons from churches in nations other than the United States and from ethnic and racial minorities in the United States to prepare for leadership in mission in church and society, will be taken on this weekend.

CHURCH WORK DAY

A church work day is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 – noon at Faith UMC. Everyone is asked to assist in this important task. Thank you.

YOUTH MEETING – September 25 from 5-7 pm.

Saturday, October 1st, 5:00 PM worship service at Faith (with Communion)

Next Sunday - World Communion Sunday (Special Offering)

8:30 A.M. Worship at Fountain UMC

9:00 A.M. Worship at Faith Church

10:00 A.M. Church School for all ages.

10:00 A.M. Worship at Cherry Grove

6:00 P.M. Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove

The Media Team is looking for 2 or 3 more volunteers to learn to run the computer and record the service. If you have an interest in learning how this amazing technology works and helping the Media Team to make our worship experience more meaningful, please talk to Jeff Kappers or Pastor Mark.

Confirmation Sunday at Faith UMC will be October 2nd. Brandon Hammersma and Hannah Ramaker will be confirmed this year!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

A flu shot clinic for kids 4 and older, adults and senior citizens will be held at the Kingsland Café on Tuesday, October 11th from 2:00-5:30 pm. The cost is \$25 and Medicare Part B cards are accepted.

Make my
joy complete:

be of the same
mind,

having the same
love,

being in full accord
and of
one mind.

Philippians 2:2

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