

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn of praise, *How Firm A Foundation*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Sharon Sanders for her musical leadership in today’s service.

A reminder that due to our ongoing Sacred Space project, we have limited air conditioning in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Our ministers and Sanctuary choir will not be robing on Sundays during this transitional season.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **HCM Summer Food Drive**—Highlands Community Ministries is seeking donations of the following items to help families get through the summer while school is out: pasta/sauce, canned ravioli, shells and cheese (no milk needed), beef stew, hearty soups, chili, and canned tuna, chicken, and beef. Please bring your food drive donations to the brown bins located outside the choir room. We will collect them until June 23. Thank you!
- **Happy Pride, Highland!** - Sign up in the Commons TODAY to walk with us in the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 15! All ages are welcome. We will gather in Nulu at 11:30 AM, and the parade begins at Noon. Also, join us next Sunday for Pride Sunday, with special guest proclaimer Rev. Jordan Conley, Co-Pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.
- **Welcoming Bob Cunningham and Lauren Blackwell** - We are excited to share that **Lauren Blackwell** will be working part-time as our **Interim Ministry Coordinator**, and **Bob Cunningham** will be working part-time as an **Interim Associate Pastor** in the coming days. Lauren’s work will be more administrative, helping to keep track of pastoral care needs across the congregation and coordinating church-wide events, processes, and initiatives. Bob will be offering pastoral care and assisting with adult spiritual formation opportunities. Please welcome both Lauren and Bob and offer your support in their work among us in the days ahead.
- **College/Grad School Recognition** - We want to recognize our college/grad school/other graduates on Sunday, June 23! If you would like to participate, please reach out to Justin by June 20 so we can include you in this special moment in worship.



“When I say it’s you I like, I’m talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”

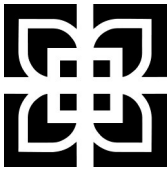
~Fred Rogers,
Commencement Address at Dartmouth College, 2002

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**
*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

Our Mission... God’s Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Jerre and Frank Bassett CUSTODIANS	Bob Cunningham INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Paul Henderson ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP	Justin Sizemore ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
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Fred Bogert MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH	Kathleen Gordon FINANCIAL SECRETARY		

Invitation to Worship
 Justin Sizemore

FOR I WILL BE WITH THEE THY TROUBLES TO BLESS

Prelude
 J.S. Bach
 Little Prelude in F

Opening Words—Based on Psalm 138
 Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
 Phillip Garrett (11:15)

O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfailing love and faithfulness.
Even though we struggle in this life, your presence assures us.
 Welcoming God, we come together with gratitude because your faithful love endures forever.
Even though we are fragile people who sometimes feel scared and abandoned, Your open arms offer us love and refuge. Thanks be to God for a firm foundation!

Hymn of Praise (425) †
 FOUNDATION
 How Firm A Foundation
 Stanza 1—all
 Stanza 2—treble voices
 Stanza 3—bass voices
 Stanzas 4 & 5—all

Prayer of Praise †
 Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
 Phillip Garrett (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †
 MEINEKE
 Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem
 I Sing Th'Almighty Power of God
 Milburn Price

I Sing th'almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad, and build the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I Sing thy power, Lord, I sing thy praise. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth food; God formed the creatures with God's word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where-e're I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky! There's not a plant or flower below but make thy glories known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne. While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care. And everywhere that we can be, thou, God art present there. Amen!

MY GRACE, ALL-SUFFICIENT, SHALL BE THY SUPPLY

A Reading from the Psalms
 Psalm 138 (Pew Bible page 565 – OT)
 Sally Evans

Prayer of Confession
 Paul Henderson
 You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of grace. You have called us a family, O God, and bound us by the presence of your Spirit. Forgive us, Holy One, when we try to forget that we belong to you: when we bind ourselves to the illusion that we cannot be who we were created to be. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, liberate us from the fear that keeps us bound.

Words of Assurance
 † For those who are able, we invite you to stand.

Exchange of Peace †
 Sally Evans

Hymn (26) †
 SLANE
 God of Creation, All-Powerful

I'LL STRENGTHEN THEE, HELP THEE, AND CAUSE THEE TO STAND

The Hebrew Lesson
 Genesis 3:1-13 (Pew Bible page 3 – OT)
 Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon
 Who Told You That?

I WILL NOT, I WILL NOT DESERT TO HIS FOES

Hymn of Response (473)†
 KELVINGROVE
 Will You Come and Follow Me

Offertory Prayer
 Marilyn Whisler (8:45)
 Kelly Garrett (11:15)

Offertory
 J. Martin
 Variations on FOUNDATION

News for the Community
 Justin Sizemore
 In response to your decision, *we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.*

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, *thanks be to God.*

Doxology †
 OLD ONE HUNDREDTH
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Amen.

Benediction †
 Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude
 D. Buxtehude
 Fugue in C

*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord’s Prayer today, we will use the words “Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father...” to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word “kingdom” and others prefer the word “kin-dom” to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.