

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's opening hymn, *In the Midst of New Dimensions*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Today we welcome Rev. Susan Lockwood as our Guest Proclaimer. Susan was one of the first few women pastors in the SBC and has served in congregations across the country. Following 9/11, Susan served as the Disaster Response Coordinator for American Baptist Churches of Metro NY. She and her husband Bruce were part of Highland for almost a year before Susan started her new position as Minister to Senior Adults at Faith Baptist Church, in Georgetown, KY, and they still consider Highland their spiritual touchstone.

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.

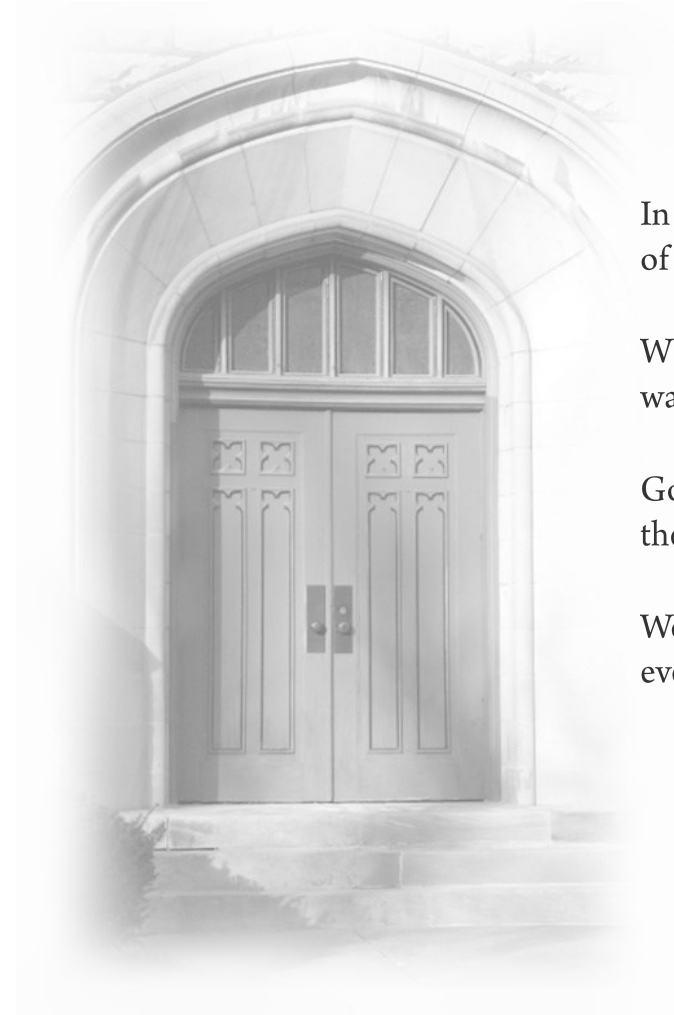
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Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons.

Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **True Colors Ministry Group invites all LGBTQ+ adults and allies of Highland to an open house.** Join us for fellowship at the Home of Troy Burden, 1322 Navajo Court, this afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.
- **Sunday, October 13, we will begin our pledge season for the 2025 ministry budget and continue pledging toward our Sacred Space campaign.** You'll be invited to bring a pledge card forward in worship next week, or you can make a pledge online using the QR code in the pledge brochure. Your pledges will make a crucial difference as we enter the budgeting process and prepare for needing \$120-\$150,000 in additional funds for payment on our renovation loans. We are currently paying \$350 a day in interest on these loans, and every gift we receive now helps to decrease that expense. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can contribute so that Highland can continue in the work of Love.
- **Up Ahead:**
 - October 9 Cloud of Witness with John Gulden, Emmanuel Maize, and Jess Smith, 6:15 PM
 - October 11 Young Adult Fall Retreat (contact Justin Sizemore for more information)
 - October 13 Empty Bowls 2024, Highlands Community Ministries, 4:30-7:00 PM
 - October 16 Wednesday Night Series Begins: Christian Nationalism
 - October 27 Fall Festival on the Front Lawn, 3:00-5:00 PM



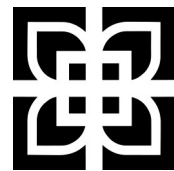
In the midst of new dimensions, in the face
of changing ways,

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where
the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey now and
ever, ever more.

-Julian Rush, 1985



**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.

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

**IN THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED HERE,
THE GOOD NEWS OF TRUTH IS HEARD**

IN THIS JOYFUL CELEBRATION, RECALL WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Prelude

William Grant Still

Hebrew Lesson

I Kings 19: 1-3, 8-16 (Pew Bible pages 322 – OT)

Susan Lockwood

Elegy

Call to Worship

Kim Clark Endicott (8:45)
Steve Brown (11:15)

Sermon

In the Dark

**SENT AS BLESSING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE,
TO GO FORTH IN LOVE AND PEACE**

We, the many who are gathered, are united here as one.

With songs of thanksgiving, we recall what God has done.

In the word of God proclaimed here, the good news of truth is heard.

In the telling of the stories, we are open to God's word.

As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,

We are one in Christ our Savior and sent to serve the Lord. Let us worship together!

Hymn of Response (75) †

If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

GREENCASTLE

Hymn of Praise (467) †

We Are One in Christ

THAXTED

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Clark Endicott (8:45)
Steve Brown (11:15)

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Justin Sizemore

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer*

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your seat.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Diane Endicott (8:45)

Kim Shippey (11:15)

IN THE TELLING OF THE STORIES, BE OPEN TO GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading †

Matthew 6: 27-33 (Pew Bible page 6 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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.***

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Words of Assurance

Even before we ask, God promises to redeem us and forgive us. In God's abundant grace, we stand united on solid ground. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

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.

Hymn †

In the Midst of New Dimensions (see insert)

NEW DIMENSIONS

Choral Anthem

My Hope Is Built

arr. Tom Trenney

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Benediction (from Romans 8: 35-39) †

Susan Lockwood

What can separate us from the love of God?

Absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Will failure, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or homelessness, or peril separate us from the love of God?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loves us.

What then shall we say to these things?

We are not afraid, for we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor the past, the present or the future, nor anything else in all creation, is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Postlude

George Shearing

Once More My Soul (Consolation)

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*