



Rest is not the reward of our liberation,  
nor something we lay hold of once we are free.  
It is the path that delivers us there.

Cole Arthur Riley

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

The season of Lent is 40 weekdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter. These 40 days represent the time when Jesus was in the wilderness praying and resisting the devil's temptations. Using the life of Jesus as our guide, we pray for God's forgiveness and guidance to initiate change in us and move toward a greater understanding of who Jesus is and what we can do to be like him. You might notice that during the season of Lent, symbols crafted of common things drawn from the earth, such as clay and wood, replace the resplendent silver symbols on the communion table. This change, along with a plentiful use of burlap fabric, helps create an outward shift toward penitence and meditation. Purple is the predominant color of Lent as seen on the cross and worn by the ministers.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

## A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Lenten Call to Worship

RESTORATION

*May the path of Jesus call us in this hard and holy work  
Rise as one to walk together for we do not go alone.*

Meditation

arr. William Latham

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Highland Orchestra

The Hebrew Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 25:1-10 (Pew Bible page 492—OT)

Hymn of Reflection (577) †

KINGSFOLD

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Choral Prayer of Confession

Moses Hogan

*Hear My Prayer*

Oh Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory.  
Oh dear Lord, please hear my prayer. Oh Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done,  
and you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.  
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Lauren Jones Mayfield

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn of Praise (295) †

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Praise †

Greg Aguilon (8:45)  
David Bannister (11:15)

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

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 1:9-15, 32-35 (Pew Bible page 34-35—NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*What's Saving Your Life Right Now?*

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (169) †

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Offertory Prayer

Doris Hornbuckle (8:45)  
Zeke Braun (11:15)

Offertory

*Prospect*  
Highland Orchestra

arr. K. Lee Scott

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 (15) †

JOYFUL SINGING

***Praise to God, who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.  
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world Your human face.  
Praise the Spirit, daily witness to Your ever loving way.  
Take us now and reawake us, challenge us to use this day.***

Benediction †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

*A Little More Faith in Jesus*

Spiritual/arr. John Work III

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace "He/Him" with "God" or "Love" (1 syllable) and "Father" with "Parent," "Holy," or "Divine" (2 syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.

## Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Pardon our Progress! Highland is in the midst of a renovation process to update our irreparable HVAC System. During this time, you will notice temporary changes in seating, lighting, flooring, and/or machinery in the sanctuary. To learn more about this ongoing work, visit [hbclouisville.org](http://hbclouisville.org) and click on "Sacred Space for Everyone."

One way Highland is celebrating Black History Month is by hearing the voices of black musicians in our worship. Today we highlight:

- **Moses George Hogan** was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. Born in New Orleans, Hogan lived with five siblings and his parents, who gave their children a passion for music. He was an accomplished pianist by the age of nine. He earned a Bachelor of Music from Oberlin Conservatory, and did graduate studies at the Juilliard School. Sadly, Hogan died in 2003, at the age of 45, from a brain tumor. Over his short life time he published 88 arrangements for voice.
- **John W. Work III** was born June 15, 1901 in Tullahoma, Tennessee, to a family of professional musicians. His grandfather was a church choir director in Nashville and his father was a singer, folksong collector and professor of music, Latin, and history at Fisk University. Work received his B.A. degree in 1923 and then attended the Institute of Musical Art in New York City (now the Juilliard School of Music). He also received an M.A. degree from Columbia University and a B.Mus. degree from Yale University. He returned to Fisk and began teaching in 1927. He was chairperson of the Fisk University Department of Music, where he conducted the Fisk Jubilee Singers for ten years. He was a gifted author, lyricist, choral conductor, educator, and ethnomusicologist. As composer, he wrote music for full orchestra, piano, chamber ensemble, violin and organ, but his greatest output was in choral and solo-voice music. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Fisk University in 1963, three years before his death in 1967.

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

- This afternoon, Mary Alice, Lauren, Roy Fuller, and Tyler Mayfield will host a congregational time to lament, listen, and learn alongside one another about the crisis that continues to unfold in Gaza. We will meet in the Sanctuary from 4:00-5:30 PM.
- Many of our Bible Study classes are using *Hard & Holy Work* by Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Tyler Mayfield throughout Lent. If you don't attend a Bible Study class, this would be a great time to join! We have a few extra copies of the book available to purchase for \$10 each, along with a few more pre-orders to be picked up. Please see any of our staff to pick up your copy in the office today or throughout the week.
- **Up Ahead:**
  - ◇ **Feb. 21 & 28:** Black History classes featuring *Just Mercy* author Bryan Stevenson, 6:15 PM
  - ◇ **February 25:** Party with Your Pastors—Mary Alice & Evan's home, 4:00-5:30 PM; see newsletter for more info
  - ◇ **March 3:** Service of Remembrance for Pastor Emeritus Don Burke, 4:00 PM
  - ◇ **March 7-9:** Habitat for Humanity House Build



## 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

**Don Burke**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

**Paul Henderson**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC  
AND WORSHIP

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Lauren Jones Mayfield**  
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AND JUSTICE

**Justin Sizemore**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH  
AND YOUNG ADULTS

**Lauren Blackwell**  
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