



Why do we then indulge our fears, suspicions, and complaints? Is [there] a God, and shall God's grace grow weary of the saints?

Isaac Watts

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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. Florence Price (8:45)

Adoration

arr. Douglas Wagner (11:15)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Children's Handbells

Hymn of Reflection (471) †

RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Choral Prayer of Confession

Jeff Reeves

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Chorister Choir

Create in me a clean heart, make my spirit right and true. Guide me with your wisdom, Lord, as I seek to follow you. God of creation and Lord of my life, show me how I can be more like you in all that I do, in word and thought and deed. Create in me a clean heart, give me strength to trust and obey. Call me with your voice of love to the light of your perfect way. Restore in me your joy, the gift of life anew; and then shall my mouth sing songs of praise for all that comes from you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Renee Purtlebaugh

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

The Epistle Lesson

Paul Henderson

Romans 4:13, 18-21 (Pew Bible page 151—NT)

Hymn of Praise (357) †

MARION

O Praise the Gracious Power

Prayer of Praise †

Kaylee and Kaeshi Zoeller

Anthem

arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

Wait til I Put on My Crown

I came this night for to sing and pray, oh, yes, oh, yes, to drive ol' Satan far away, oh, yes, oh, yes,
that heav'nly home is bright and fair, oh, yes, oh, yes, and very few gonna enter there, oh, yes, oh, yes.
Wait til I put on my crown, wait til I put on my crown, over in glory, tell-a my story, oh, yes, oh, yes.
If you want to catch that heav-nly breeze, oh, yes, oh, yes, go down in the valley on your knees, oh, yes, oh, yes,
go bow your knees upon the ground, oh, yes, oh, yes, and ask the Lord to turn you 'round, oh, yes, oh, yes.
Gonna wait, Lord, I'm gonna wait, lay my burden down, Lord, I'm heaven bound, gonna wait til I put on my crown!

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 8:31–38 (Pew Bible page 43—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Life-Saving Practices for Lent: Wringing Out Your Sponge

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (473) †

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45)
Linda Campbell (11:15)

Offertory

Aria

Craig Phillips

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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

March of Heritage

Unzee Brown, Jr.

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

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 and click on "Sacred Space for Everyone."

We appreciate the musical leadership of the Choristers and Children's Handbell Choir in today's worship service and are thankful for the support of their families and Wednesday night music teachers.

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

- **Uzee Brown, Jr.**, a native of Cowpens, South Carolina, and now a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, worked closely as a student and colleague for almost twenty years with Dr. Wendell P. Whalum (Director of the Morehouse Glee Club and acclaimed educator, arranger, and lecturer of Black music). In addition to teaching at Morehouse College, Brown is a noted opera singer, composer, arranger, and orchestrator. He holds a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan. The postlude, *March of Heritage*, was commissioned for the inauguration of Dr. Walter Massey, eighth-president of Morehouse College, February 16, 1996.
- **Stacey V. Gibbs** is a prolific and highly sought-after composer-arranger and clinician. Best known for arrangements of spirituals, he is highly acclaimed for his ability to infuse new energy into familiar works without sacrificing their authenticity or power. He currently has over 200 published arrangements for choral ensembles. His music was performed at the 57th Inaugural Service for President Barack Obama and family. He attended Kentucky State University where he served as student conductor. He currently resides in Detroit, Michigan.
- **Florence Price** (1887-1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist, and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works: four symphonies, four concertos, as well as choral works, art songs, chamber music, and music for solo instruments.

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

- 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:**
 - ◇ **Today:** Party with Your Pastors—Mary Alice & Evan's home, 4:00-5:30 PM
 - ◇ **February 28:** Black History class featuring *Just Mercy* author Bryan Stevenson, 6:15 PM
 - ◇ **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
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Mary Alice Birdwhistell
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