

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.

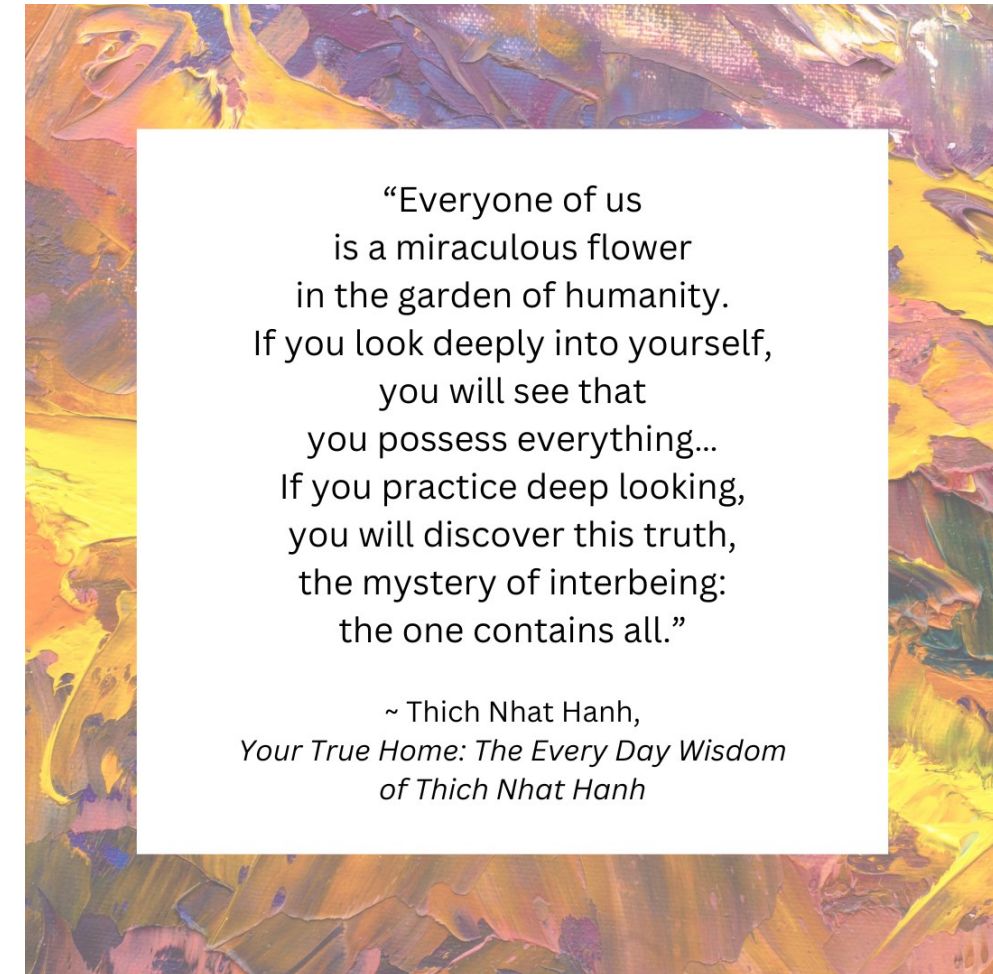
Pardon our Progress! Highland is in the midst of a renovation process to update our irreparable HVAC System. During this time, you will notice temporary changes in seating, lighting, flooring, and/or machinery in the sanctuary. To learn more about this ongoing work, visit hbclouisville.org and click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

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

- Between services on Easter morning (at 10:00 AM), we will gather on the lawn (weather permitting) and in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, adorning our Easter cross with fresh flowers, and Easter egg hunting for children. There will be no Bible Study classes for any ages to allow for this shared time of fellowship, connection, and celebration.. **Check your newsletter to sign up to bring breakfast items to share that morning.** You're also welcome to bring fresh flowers throughout the morning to help decorate our Easter cross, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary.
- **This Easter we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies.** All members are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory/in honor of a family member, friend, or loved one. **The deadline for orders is Monday, March 25.** Please use the link in your newsletter to order and pay online, or you may call the church office (502-451-3735) to place your order.
- **Holy Week Activities:**
 - ◇ March 24 Palm Sunday Services at 8:45 and 11:15 AM
 - ◇ March 27 Cloud of Witness with Noelle Tennis Gulden, Margaret Pennington, and Abby Sizemore at 6:15 PM
 - ◇ March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 PM (please note earlier start time)
 - ◇ March 29 Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM
 - ◇ March 31 Easter Sunday Worship and Church-Wide Gathering and Celebration



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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TO FRIDAY CHURCH

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

Sermon

Lauren Jones Mayfield

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

I Will Not Forget, Except When I Do
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Lenten Call to Worship

RESTORATION

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

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.

Hymn of Response (516) †

AR HYD Y NOS

Day Is Done, but Love Unfailing

Organ Meditation

J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Offertory Prayer †

Rick Finklea (8:45)
Karen Park (11:15)

Hymn of Reflection (71) †

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Offertory

J.S. Bach

When in the Hour of Our Utmost Need

The Gospel Lesson †

Renee Purtlebaugh

John 12:20-26 (Pew Bible pages 104-105—NT)

News for the Community

Justin Sizemore

Prayer of Confession

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Lord, we confess that we love to cling to what feels most familiar, normal, and safe.
We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently.
Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things.
Teach us by your Spirit to let go of our preconceived notions and to consider what needs to die within us in order for something new to come to life.
Help us to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God.
We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Exchange of Peace †

Justin Sizemore

Benediction †

BUNESSAN

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, Lord of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Hymn of Praise (368) †

CLONMEL

We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Prayer of Praise †

Marilyn Whisler (8:45)
Bob Cunningham (11:15)

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

Postlude

J.S. Bach

Prelude in A Minor

A Lesson from the Psalms

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalms 119:9-16 (Pew Bible page 555—OT)

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

Anthem

Daniel Gawthrop

Sing Me to Heaven

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truth stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.