



The real question Jesus asks us is not
“Do you believe in life after death?”
but “Do you believe in life before death?”
Do you have any life in you now?
Is there anything in you
that would demonstrate
to anybody else
that not only does Christ live
but Christ lives in you?”

~ Peter Gomes

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

Prelude

arr. Arnold Sherman

Acclamation on AZMON
Highland Handbells

**EASTER PEOPLE RAISE YOUR VOICES,
SOUNDS OF HEAVEN IN EARTH SHOULD RING!**

Opening Words

Kim Henderson (8:45)
Kent Pugh (11:15)

Easter People! Raise your voices and shout
Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!
Easter People, lift up your voices and sing
Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!

Processional Hymn (195) †

WESNATE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Henderson (8:45)
Kent Pugh (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.

Dedication of Stanton Clifford Blackie (11:15)

Words of Commitment

Presentation

Prayer of Dedication

And so we are reminded once again of the words of the apostles that,
“Before we loved God, God loved us.”

Song of Dedication

O WALY WALY
Text by Diane Brewer

For this great gift we thank you God and pledge to love as if our own.
To teach and guide through word and deed with joy to watch them as they grow.

Anthem

Philip Stopford

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, he who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; how through Christendom it rings singing evermore on high, alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day, alleluia!

EVERY DAY TO US IS EASTER, WITH ITS RESURRECTION SONG

A Lesson from the Psalms

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 4 (Pew Bible page 480 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

We hear the cry of the Psalmist.

Answer us when we call, O Lord.

Our world is so full of pain and violence.

Where are you, O Lord?

Forgive us when we forget that we are your hands and feet.

As we bear your image and love, may we be people of justice and peace now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Sally Evans

Hymn (545) †

PROMISE

In the Bulb

**FEAR OF DEATH CAN NO MORE STOP US
FROM OUR PRESSING HERE BELOW**

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 24: 36b-48 (Pew Bible page 89– NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Joyful Disbelieving

**EVEN WHEN LIFE OVERWHELMS US
EASTER PEOPLE SING THIS SONG: ALLELUIA!**

Hymn of Response (310) †

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Offertory Prayer †

Diane Endicott (8:45)
Tracy Holladay (11:15)

Offertory

Diapason Movement

William Walond

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 †

OLD 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

A. Fedak

Postlude on AZMON

† 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.

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

- **Deacon Nomination Process Continues**—Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland. **Our Deacons are not an “administrative board,” but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community.** The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 9 people to serve as Deacons in the coming year. A link to make nominations is available in the newsletter. **The deadline for nominations is Sunday, April 28.**
- **Are you looking for a way to connect or re-connect at Highland? Bible Study classes are a great “next step” to engage with us as the family of God in this place!** Classes for all different ages and life journeys meet Sundays from 10:00-11:00 AM. We would love to help you get connected with a space to get to know others and to be known within our community of faith!
- **Sacred Space Update: A reminder that for the next few weeks we have no heat or air conditioning in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.** Pay attention to the weather to help you know how to dress appropriately for worship, adult Bible study, and Wednesday night activities!
- **Upcoming Calendar:**
 - April 17 Faith and Culture series continues with Erin Phelps at 6:15 PM
 - April 19-21 Children's Music Composer Jeff Reeves visits Highland
 - April 28 Party with Your Pastors (Henderson House, 4:00-5:30 PM) - sign up link is in the newsletter
 - May 29 Homemade Ice Cream Social (Church Lawn, 6:00-7:30 PM)
 - June 7 Racing Louisville Game (Lynn Family Stadium, 8:00 PM)
 - June 13 Drag Revival: A Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy (Highlands Community Ministries)
 - June 15 Kentuckiana PRIDE Parade and Festival (NULU and Waterfront Park), Parade begins at 12:00 PM



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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

Lauren Blackwell
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Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CARE
AND JUSTICE

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Renee Purtlebaugh—on sabbatical
Sally Evans—interim
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS

Tyler Swim
DEACON CHAIR