



God calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,  
To improvise a music of our own,  
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,  
Three notes resounding from a single tone,  
To sing the End in whom we all begin;  
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

*~ Malcolm Guite*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**MAY 26, 2024**

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

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

## RULER ALL GLORIOUS, O'ER ALL VICTORIOUS

Prelude

J. S. Bach (8:45)

*Little Prelude in C Major*

Jean Francois Dandrieu (11:15)

*Prelude in D Major*

Opening Words

Perry Ledford (8:45)

Angela Dennison (11:15)

God the merciful *loves us without end.*  
Jesus the compassionate *teaches us the way of peace.*  
The Spirit provoking *inspires our living.*  
Three in One, all serving, all holy,  
*we give ourselves to the worship of this divine community.*

Processional Hymn †

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come Now, Almighty God*

*Come now, Almighty God, help us your name to laud; our songs we raise:  
Ruler all glorious, o' ver all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!*

*Come now, Incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored; our prayer attend:  
Come, and your people bless, and give your word success; grant us your holiness,  
Savior and Friend!*

*Come, Holy Comforter, your sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart, never from us depart, Spirit of power!*

*To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be forevermore.  
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

Prayer of Praise †

Perry Ledford (8:45)  
Angela Dennison (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.*

The Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible page 622 – OT)

Paul Henderson

## YOUR GRACE TO US IMPART, NOW RULE IN EVERY HEART

Choral Prayer of Confession

Allen Pote

*Psalm 139*

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I'm in the heavens, or in the depths, you are there. Search me, O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Response (48) † FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Chorus)*

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Exchange of Peace † Justin Sizemore

Hymn (242) † MORNING SONG

*Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God*

## COME, AND YOUR PEOPLE BLESS, AND GIVE YOUR WORD SUCCESS

The Gospel Lesson † Sally Evans

John 3:1-16 (Pew Bible page 92 – NT)

Sermon

*Circling Back to the Chorus*

## YOUR SOVEREIGN MAJESTY, MAY WE IN GLORY SEE

Hymn of Response (48) † FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Call to Justice Diane Endicott and Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)  
Kent Pugh (11:15)

Offertory Prayer Greg Aguilon (8:45)  
Kay Keegan (11:15)

Offertory T.L. Southgate (8:45)

*Religioso*

J. Rheinberger (11:15)

*Trio*

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 † 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 † Sally Evans

Response (48) † FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Repeat Chorus)*

Postlude M. Enrico Bossi (8:45)

*Résignation*

A. Travis (11:15)

*Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Come Now, Almighty God*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Sharon Sanders and Rob Leffler for their musical leadership today.

A reminder that due to our ongoing Sacred Space project, we have limited air conditioning in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Our ministers and Sanctuary choir will not be robing on Sundays during this transitional season.

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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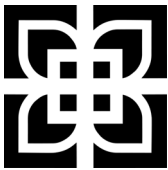
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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Global Mission Offering: Highland's goal this year is \$10,000.** Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this work of Love. You may give online on the HBC website or by check, noting Missions Offering on the memo line.
- **Celebrating Lauren Jones Mayfield:** We look forward to celebrating Lauren Jones Mayfield's 8 years of ministry at Highland on Sunday, June 2. There will be a church-wide reception after the 11:15 worship service, and you are invited to bring a note, a Carmichael's gift card, and/or a monetary donation for Lauren to attend a spiritual retreat in the coming year. Donations can be given online or in the offering and designated as a "Gift for Lauren." You're also invited to wear your favorite social justice t-shirt in celebration of Lauren's ministry!
- **Pride Opportunities in June:**
  - May 31 – June 8: Won't You Be My May-Bor at Actor's Theatre of Louisville**  
Whether you've never seen a drag show, are curious, skeptical, or a long-time fan, we hope you'll join us for Andrew Newton Shaftlein's upcoming show! It will be a great space to explore, learn, and grow together as we discover what it looks like to be a good neighbor in our world! You will find the link to purchase tickets in this week's newsletter.
  - June 6: Drag Revival at Highlands Community Ministries (7:00 PM)**  
Join Louisville area communities of faith for the third annual Drag Revival! Drag Revival is an annual event where folks from the LGBTQIA+ community and allies come to express their relationship to their faith in a queer affirming space. This is an all ages, family friendly event. Tickets are \$10 and will likely sell out, so find the link in this week's newsletter!
  - June 7: Pride Night at Racing Louisville Game with other local affirming congregations (8:00 PM)**  
Highland will join with other churches and the community to cheer on the Racing Louisville Soccer Club for their annual Pride Night! Check your newsletter for the link to purchase tickets (\$21.20 each).
  - June 15: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival**  
Sign up to walk with us in the parade and/or help at Highland's booth in the festival starting today in the Commons!



**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**  
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