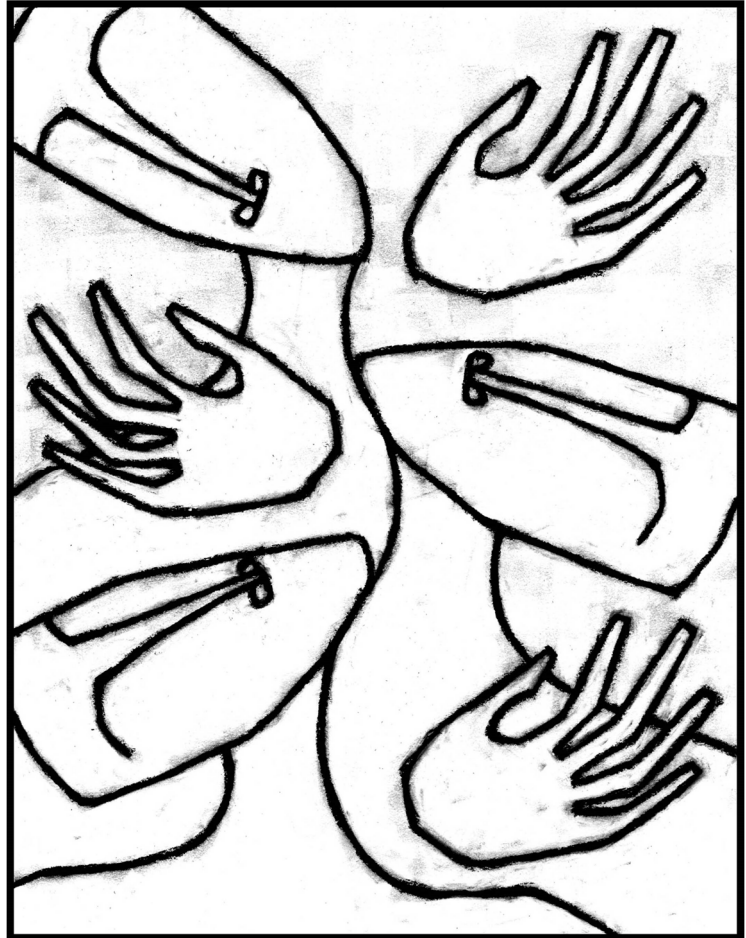


It's a lot of talkin' goin' on
While I sing my song
Can you hear me?
I said, "Do you hear me?"
Can we stand for something?
Now is the time to face the wind
Now ain't the time to pretend
Now is the time to let love in

~ *Beyoncé, "American Requiem"*



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 2, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

PRAISE TO GOD THE CROWN OF HONOR AWAITS FOR ALL

Prelude

Telemann/Wolff

Ayre

Opening Words

Missy Smith (8:45)
Abbi Wolfe (11:15)

We rise to bless you this morning, Creator of All!
We marvel at your wondrous design!
***Alleluia to the One who is still creating,
Alleluia to the One who is still speaking.***
With joyful curiosity we ponder anew
What is being formed in our hearts, our church, and our world.
***Speak Lord, and the darkness will be called light.
Speak Lord, for we are listening.***

Processional Hymn (630) †

EVANGELINE

Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness

Prayer of Praise †

Missy Smith (8:45)
Brooke Hasl (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.***

SET ASIDE THE SIN THAT STRANGLES

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18 (Pew Bible page 566 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Sally Evans

Gracious God, we struggle to see ourselves as your work of art.
Forgive us for not living as though we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
We neglect care and rest for ourselves, driven to prove our value.
We forget that others are a reflection of the Divine, bearing your image.
Too often we cause harm to others and our environment.
Help us be still and know that all was designed with your breathtaking love and purpose.

Words of Assurance

THE VICTOR CRIES, "JOIN THOSE SAINTS, THE CLOUD OF WITNESS"

The Hebrew Lesson

Tyler Mayfield

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Pew Bible pages 244-245 – OT)

Hymn (482) †

HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

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

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Can You Hear Me?

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS CHRIST

Hymn of Response †

FAITHFULNESS

For Everyone Born

See insert—congregation sings chorus and verse 5

Soloists sing verses 1, 2, 3

Richard Ryan, Carrie Daniels, and Molly Braun

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer*

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Goodhue (8:45)

Margaret Pennington (11:15)

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.***

A Blessing for Lauren Jones Mayfield

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

***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. Travis

Voluntary on THAXTED

*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord's Prayer today, we will use the words "Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father..." to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word "kingdom" and others prefer the word "kin-dom" to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Sharon Sanders and Becky Wolf for their musical leadership in today's service.

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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Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code to be directed to our online giving page.



Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **HCM Summer Food Drive**—Highlands Community Ministries is seeking donations of the following items to help families get through the summer while school is out: pasta/sauce, canned ravioli, shells and cheese (no milk needed), beef stew, hearty soups, chili, and canned tuna, chicken, and beef. Please bring your food drive donations to the brown bins located outside the choir room. We will collect them until June 23. Thank you!

- **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)

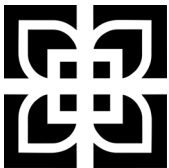
Highland will join with other churches and the community to cheer on the Racing Louisville Soccer Club for their annual Pride Night! Check your newsletter for the link to purchase tickets (\$21.20 each).

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!

June 16: Pride Sunday at Highland

Our guest proclaimer is Rev. Jordan Conley, Co-Pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church



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

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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AND JUSTICE

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