



Our work is always to cross over
from fear to awe,
from suspicion to trust,
from certainty to wonder.
No matter how high
the storm waves in our lives,
may we always rest
in God's presence
as we cross to the other side.

~ *Debie Thomas*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

JOINING IN YOUR NEW CREATION, WE REJOICE FOREVERMORE

Prelude

Colin Mawby

Prelude Allegretto
Stephanie Hall, Flute

Opening Words

Ron Smith

Praise be to you, the God who meets us right where we are.

You are the God who both knows us and draws near to us. Hallelujah!

Let us fill the air with our songs of thanksgiving and anthems of praise. Let us be still and know.

Today we draw near to you with our whole heart, and with our voice declare -

You are our Comforter, our Redeemer, the Ancient of Days, and Creator of All!

We lift up our eyes to meet you here.

Hymn of Praise †

LYONS

We Worship You, God

*We worship you, God; your power and your love are blazoned abroad, around and above:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*We tell of your might, we sing of your grace, whose robe is the light, who canopy space;
Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and broad is your path on the wings
of the storm.*

*Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

Prayer of Praise †

Ron Smith

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.*

Baptism of Collier Harston †

Call to the Water
Statement of Faith
Baptism in the name of the **Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Baptism Response †

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

A Reading from the Psalms (from *Psalms for Praying*)

Paul Henderson

Psalms 9:9-20 (Pew Bible pages 482-483 – OT)

GIVING GUIDANCE ON OUR JOURNEY, AS WE SEEK TO FIND OUR WAY

Prayer of Confession

Sally Evans

Oh God of All People,
In a world of increasing division, of potent demarcations from bumper stickers and yard signs,
we come to you admitting our tendency to withdraw to familiar spaces.
Forgive us for dismissing the image of God in those we don't understand or agree with.
Give us courage to boldly bear the light in our time and place in history.
Remind us this morning, we are not marked by fear, but for love.
Help us be the presence of Christ to those next door and across the world.
As we've just seen a visual demonstration of the new life we have in Christ,
Embolden us to reflect this life and love in a troubled world.

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

Choral Anthem of Assurance

Howard Helvey

Hymn of Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (54) †

UNENDING PRAISE, alt.

Like a Mother with Her Children

WE CAN HEAR YOU GENTLY SAYING, "DO NOT WORRY, DO NOT FEAR."

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 4:35-41 (Pew Bible page 38 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

"Peace! Be Still": Ministry in Tumultuous Times

WE WILL OPEN DOORS OF FREEDOM BY YOUR POWER IN US ALL

Hymn of Response (55) †

FESTAL SONG

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Offertory Prayer

Doris Hornbuckle

Offertory

Johann Pachelbel

Canon in D

Kathy Collier and Sharon Sanders, duet

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.***

Recognition of College and Grad School Graduates

Justin Sizemore

Doxology †

OLD ONE 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

J. Battishill

Alla Marcia

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Like a Mother with Her Children*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Kathy Collier, Stephanie Hall, and Sharon Sanders 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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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Quarterly Church Conference TODAY at 4:00 PM**

Join us this afternoon at 4:00 PM for our Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom. The agenda will include important reports from Finance and Personnel, including next steps in the search for a new Associate Pastor, and an update on our Sacred Space renovation. A full agenda was emailed on Friday, along with a Zoom link.

- **New Summer Worship Schedule**

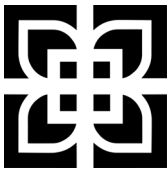
Starting next Sunday, June 30, we are moving Bible study classes to air-conditioned spaces around the building, and we are moving worship to the Fellowship Hall. Bible Study classes for all ages will meet at 9:00 AM, and we will have one Sunday morning worship service downstairs at 10:15 AM. We are in the process of finalizing all of our different Bible study locations and will email you those this week. This will be our summer schedule through at least the end of July. Thank you for your flexibility and patience with us!

- **Children at PassportKids Camp**

Tomorrow, our 3rd-5th graders leave for PassportKids! Camp at Berea College. Please be in prayer for our 13 children and five chaperones (Phil Collier, Angela Collins, Buddy Lee, Renee Purtlebaugh, and Justin Sizemore). Speaking of Renee, she returns from her sabbatical this week, and we are excited to welcome her back in worship next Sunday! Please take a moment to write a note to Renee in the Children's Commons this morning or next to welcome her back.

- **Survey for Churches and Diversity Study at Bellarmine**

Iris Jasmin, a doctoral student at Bellarmine, is conducting research on churches doing work related to embracing diversity and social change. She is studying Highland as one of her focus congregations. Please use the QR code at right and take a moment to complete her study.



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*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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Bob Cunningham
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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Sally Evans—interim
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Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

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Paul Henderson
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