



You who believe,
and you who sometimes believe,
and you who would give almost anything
to believe if only you could ...
"Get up," Jesus says, "all of you!"
Jesus gives life not only to the dead,
but to those of us who are "only partly alive,"
which is to say to people like you and me
who much of the time live with our lives
closed to the wild beauty and miracle
of every day we live and even of ourselves.

~ *Frederick Buechner*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 30, 2024

10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Sally Evans

CHILDREN OF CREATIVE PURPOSE, SERVING OTHERS, HONORING YOU

Prelude

D. Scarlatti

Sonata VI in G

Opening Words

Jim Shelton

With friends and strangers, family and neighbors, we gather.

Come among us, Holy One, with your love that never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch and hearts straining to trust, we hope.

Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion that makes us whole.

With word and wonder, silence and song, we meet you here.

Come among us, Spirit who inspires, as we raise our feet to follow you.

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we, Your children, in Your likeness, share inventive powers with You.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.*

*Proudly rise our modern cities, stately building row on row;
yet their windows blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.*

*We have conquered worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through uncharted realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.*

*As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and Yours are one.*

Prayer of Praise †

Jim Shelton

Glory to the Creator †

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*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.*

**GREAT CREATOR, GIVE US GUIDANCE
TILL OUR GOALS AND YOURS ARE ONE**

A Reading from the Psalms

Sally Evans

Psalm 130 (Pew Bible page 562– OT)

Choral Confession

Jonathan Shippey

Take Our Lives

Take our lives and let us be consecrated, Lord to you, O Lord to you. Take our moments and our days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take our hands, and let them move at the impulse of your love. Take our feet, make our steps sure, swift and beautiful for you. Take our voices, and let us sing always, only, for our King. Take our lips; let us speak truth, filled with messages from you. Take our minds, that you may use every power as you would choose. Take our hearts, O Lord, they are your own. They shall be your royal throne. Take our love, O Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store. Let our love flow in ceaseless praise.

Words of Assurance

Bob Cunningham

**MAY OUR DREAMS PROVE RICH WITH PROMISE,
EACH ENDEAVOR WELL BEGUN**

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

Hymn †

AZMON

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound

*The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.*

*True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.*

*True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.*

*If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
Then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.*

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 5:21-43 (Pew Bible page 39 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

"Get Up": Ministry When It Feels Too Late for Change

GREAT CREATOR STILL CREATING, SHOW US WHAT WE YET MAY DO

Hymn of Response †

FINLANDIA

This Is My Song

*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations: let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together, and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations; myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.*

Deacon Testimony

David Swim

Offertory Prayer

Phil Collier

Offertory

Franz Lizst

Gift from God

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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 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

Beethoven/Cotter

Hymn to Joy

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **New Summer Worship Schedule**

We have moved Bible study classes to air-conditioned spaces around the building, and classes for all ages meet at 9:00 AM. Class locations are posted throughout the building. Our Sunday morning worship service is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 AM. We will continue with this schedule through at least July 28. Thank you for your flexibility and patience with us during this season of renovation in our building!

- **Youth at Passport Camp**

Tomorrow, our youth leave for Passport Camp at Berea College. Please be in prayer for our 22 youth and their amazing adult chaperones (Kim Clark, Becca Potter, Justin Sizemore, Charlie Suer, Missy Smith, and Tyler Swim) to have a great week of spiritual growth, mission activity, community-building, and fun with one another!

- **LGBT Tea Today!**

True Colors invites you to LGBT Tea today from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Children's Commons. LGBTQIA+ folks and allies of all ages are welcome. We're making friendship bracelets and will have snacks.

- **Gratitude for Sally and Welcome Back, Renee!**

Today, we share our wholehearted gratitude with Sally Evans for her beautiful ministry with us over the past 3 months. And, we offer an excited welcome to Renee Purtlebaugh as she returns back to Highland's staff after her sabbatical. Please consider writing a note of welcome to Renee on the bulletin board in the Children's Commons this morning!

- **Summer Office Closure and Streaming Cancellation**

Please note that the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4-5, for the holiday weekend. Additionally, we will not be able to stream worship services on the next two Sundays, July 7 and 14.

- **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.

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