



*But I keep cruisin'
Can't stop, won't stop groovin'
It's like I got this music in my mind
Sayin' it's gonna be alright..."*

~ "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024

10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

SONGS OF PRAISES I WILL EVER GIVE TO THEE

Prelude

G. Handel

Air

Opening Words

David Tucker

Take off your shoes!

We are standing on holy ground.

Shake off the dust!

***We are ready to start afresh. Guide us, great Jehovah, to worship you and receive Christ's teachings.
Strengthen us to share your love with the world.***

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art Mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still
my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside:
bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to Thee.*

Prayer of Praise †

David Tucker

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.*

**I AM WEAK BUT THOUGH ART MIGHTY;
HOLD ME WITH THY POWERFUL HAND**

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

*Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt. Strengthen our faith,
that we may not only believe, but may be filled with such love we are compelled to action.
When others reject or refuse our care, as your care was rejected, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled.
Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed, that we may be freed from anger
and resentment. Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions.
Guide us on this path of ministry, that we may be filled with your joy and quick to share your love. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Hymn †

DIX

Faith Begins by Letting Go

*Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure;
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.*

*Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.*

*Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.*

BREAD OF HEAVEN, FEED ME TILL I WANT NO MORE

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Mark 6:1-13 (Pew Bible pages 39-40 – NT)

Sermon

"Shake It Off!": Ministry in a World Where You're Not Welcome† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

LET THE FIRE AND CLOUDY PILLAR LEAD ME ALL MY JOURNEY THROUGH

Hymn of Response †

BEECHER

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, You call us to Your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 seat.*

Choral Anthem

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Roy Fuller

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 †

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

L. Shackley

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*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 hymn, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Vi Chatmon 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 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!

- **Streaming Cancellation**

We are unable to stream next Sunday's worship service (July 14).

- **The Anti-Racism Team will host local artist Rebecca Cavalcante and her Threads of Incarceration Workshop on Sunday, July 14 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Highland.** Threads of Incarceration is a community art project connecting and visualizing the threads of impact of incarceration on Kentucky families. Through art workshops, an online survey, and research, this project will culminate in a digital magazine and large-scale community art piece. The workshop is limited to 30 attendees. Please RSVP and send questions to Missy Smith (missy.smith.0908@gmail.com) by Wednesday, July 10.

- **Tomorrow our K-2nd graders will gather at Highland for a week of Discovery Camp!** Please be in prayer for our eight participating children and the 10 adults who will be leading them. Together we will explore What Every Living Thing Needs—shelter which protects life, food which energizes life, water which hydrates life, air which sustains life, and community which produces life.



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.

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