



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024

10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

WHEN WE SING TO GOD IN HEAVEN WE SHALL FIND SUCH HARMONY

Prelude

F. Mendelssohn

Andante Sostenuto, Op. 72, No. 2

Call to Worship—based on Ephesians 2

Buddy Lee

We gather as members of the household of God, as fellow citizens of the saints.

Together, we remember our cornerstone is Jesus, the Christ;

the proclaimer of peace for those close to us and those far off,

the challenger who calls us to growth, becoming our fullest and best selves,

the connector who knits us together into a community bearing Love to one another and the world.

Come, let us worship God together.

Hymn of Praise †

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears mortals all away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

Prayer of Praise †

Buddy Lee

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.*

Deacon Faith Story

Bruce Carroll

PRAY THAT I MAY HAVE THE GRACE TO LET YOU BE MY SERVANT TOO

The Epistle Lesson

Bruce Carroll

Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bible page 189 – NT)

Choral Prayer of Confession

arr. John Purifoy

Celtic Prayer

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord. O hear the prayer within my soul. May the words rise to You with songs of praise. Give me peace, touch my heart to feel Your everlasting love. Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise. Lead my life, most faithful Lord, to seek Your thoughts and know your will. For my soul longs to dwell within Your care. Give me strength, guide my steps to live according to Your word. Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of Your grace. Search me, O Lord, and know my heart. Try me, O God, and know my thoughts. Find any wrong that dwells within my heart. And lead me forever in Your everlasting love. I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's unchanging love. For God's mercy endures forevermore. May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of God's grace. Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.

Words of Assurance

Renee Purtlebaugh

Exchange of Peace †

Justin Sizemore

Hymn †

ST. PETER

In Christ There Is No East or West

*In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
for men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;
one joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.*

I WILL HOLD MY HAND OUT TO YOU,
SPEAK THE PEACE YOU LONG TO HEAR

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Pew Bible pages 40-41 – NT)

Larry Gray

Sermon

It's Like Deja-Vu All Over Again

I WILL SHARE YOUR JOY AND SORROW
TILL WE'VE SEEN THIS JOURNEY THROUGH

Hymn of Response †

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BEACH SPRING

*We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are to here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Sister let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

Deacon Faith Story and Offertory Prayer

Charlie Suer

Offertory

Offertory on "NETTLETON"

J. Martin

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 †

Larry Gray

Postlude

Nicholai Von Wilm

Intermezzo

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *We Are Travelers on a Journey*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We are glad to welcome Larry Gray as our Guest Proclaimer today! Larry and Mary Ida joined Highland on Easter morning, 2019. They help lead a young(ish) Bible Study Class called The Gray Area, and Mary Ida sings in the choir. On September 1, 2023, Larry retired as president of Baptist Health Louisville, after 40 years of service with Baptist Health Kentucky & Southern Indiana in a variety of roles. Larry initially joined Baptist Health as a clinical chaplain and became Director of Pastoral Care and Clinical Pastoral Education in 1986. In 1993, he assumed executive duties in Lexington, and was named president of Baptist Health Corbin in 2011. He currently serves the Health Administration Program at the University of Kentucky as the Executive in Residence, supporting students and faculty and teaches Organizational Ethics, Governance and Leadership in healthcare. He also has nearly 17 years of service on the board for the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. Larry and Mary Ida have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. They love to travel and are enjoying learning what retirement looks like.

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

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Deacon Candidates**—Over the next several weeks, we will hear in worship from those who have been nominated to serve as deacons: Greg Bunten, Bruce Carroll, Roy Fuller, Kelly Garrett, Noelle Gulden, Bonnie Lindsay, Corey Moran, Gene Nisbet, Gene Streible, Charlie Suer, and David Swim. We are excited about the gifts that each of these individuals bring and are grateful for their willingness to serve.
- **Vote on Sunday, July 28**—On Sunday, July 28, we will have a ballot vote on 3 items: the job description for the new Associate Pastor of Ministry Coordination and Formation, the search committee for this position, and deacon candidates for the coming year. We discussed the Associate Pastor position in last month's QCC, and members of Personnel and Ministry Council will be available before and after worship that Sunday for any further questions or feedback you may have. **Detailed information is available in the newsletter.**
- **Celebrating Fred Bogert**—As we announced last week, Fred Bogert is concluding his time on staff at Highland. We are so grateful for the incredible gifts that Fred has brought to Friday Church for over a decade and for his deep passion and commitment to this space in our community. He will be dearly missed! **Please join us Friday, July 26, starting at 6:30 PM for a celebration of Fred's ministry over the last decade with us at Friday Church.**
- **Highlands Community Ministries Back-to-School Drive**—Please join our efforts to collect backpacks and \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards THIS WEEK for HCM! Bring your items to the church any time this week through next Sunday morning, July 28. Thank you for your generosity for children in our community!



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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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Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH