



I am convinced that [people]  
hate each other because  
they fear each other.  
They fear each other because  
they don't know each other,  
and they don't know each other  
because they don't communi-  
cate with each other,  
and they don't communicate  
with each other because they  
are separated from each other.

~ *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 28, 2024**  
**10:15 A.M.**

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Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

**THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US OUR JOYOUS PRAISE TO SING**

Prelude

E. Grieg

*Allegretto Tranquilamente*

Call to Worship

Kathy Belcher

Come let us worship!

***We come from our ordinary lives into this community of faith to worship God.***

Come let us share who we are!

***We come with the stories of our lives, the stories of our faith, the stories of how God has worked in our lives.***

Come let us give thanks!

***We come with our abundance, giving thanks to God, ready to share what we have.***

Come let us praise God!

***We come with open hearts and open minds, prepared to meet God as we worship. Let us worship God together!***

Hymn of Praise †

FESTAL SONG

*How Wide the Love of Christ*

*How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race  
but holds our one humanity within its broad embrace.*

*How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease  
until this broken world is bound in everlasting peace.*

*How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,  
and yet upon our passing lives unmeasured mercy pours.*

*All praise to You, O Christ, for love whose depth and height,  
whose length and breadth fill time and space with endless life and light!*

Prayer of Praise †

Kathy Belcher

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.*

**THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO CHANGE, TO LEARN, TO GROW**

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible pages 189-190 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Anthem

K. Lee Scott

*Christ the Way of Life Possess Me*

Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise; guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days. Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bare like a watered garden growing fresh and fair. May the Tree of life in spender from its leafy boughs impart grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart. Path of Life before me shining, let me come when earth is past, sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

*Merciful God, we confess that we do not always follow your way. You are always faithful to us,  
yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Remind us of the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Justin Sizemore

Hymn †

HYFRYDOL

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us fine the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*continued*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO BE CO-CREATORS  
IN NEW AND WONDROUS WAYS

The Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 11:1-3 (Pew Bible page 281 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*She Wasn't on the Roof: The Stories We Tell Ourselves*

THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO GO WHERE HE WOULD GO

Hymn of Response †

AURELIA

*The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

*The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.*

*The love of Jesus calls us to go where He would go,  
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek His kingdom, Christ opens every door.*

*The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.*

Deacon Faith Story and Offertory Prayer

Kelly Garrett

Offertory

Ron and Carol Harris

*In This Very Room*

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

*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 †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

arr. Ron Boud

*Postlude on AURELIA*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Sharon Sanders and Isaac Bradley for their musical leadership in today's service. Isaac is a friend of Mary Alice from Waco, Texas. He is an elementary school music teacher and will begin his Master's degree in Church Music at Baylor University in the fall.

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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, Genene 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.
- **Work on the Sacred Space Project continues to move at a furious pace**, although as with many construction projects it is not without its speedbumps. We will continue our Summer Schedule and relocation through at least mid-August. **We are also postponing Gather 'Round Sunday until September 8** to ensure we are back in our regular rhythms as we kick-off the new year together. Stay tuned for more details on children's promotion to new Bible study classes in the coming week.
- **We will be voting today via paper ballot on three 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. Please place your ballots in the offering plates during or after the service today.
- **Wednesday Night Programming and Meals Resume on August 21:** As shared in the newsletter this week, we are reducing the cost of Wednesday night dinners this year by not using a caterer. Meal costs will be \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship! **We also welcome more volunteers to assist with food prep and setup, making desserts, or cleanup. Contact Kathy Belcher (kbelcher53@gmail.com) if you can help or want more information. To make reservations, contact Kathleen Gordon (Kathleen@hbclouisville.org).**
- **We are thrilled to host author Cole Arthur Riley at Highland on Sunday evening, September 15.** This event is made possible through generous funding from the Lily Endowment for Renee's sabbatical and our entire church family. More details related to the event and registration will be available in August.



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*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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