



We are not here
to be perfect
for each other.
We are here to heal
what was broken
by others.

~ Willie Edward Taylor Carver, Jr.
"Family Dollar,"
Gay Poems for Red States

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 11, 2024
10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

ALL WHO HUNGER, SING TOGETHER; JESUS CHRIST IS LIVING BREAD

Prelude

L. Shackley

Prelude on BUNNESSAN

Call to Worship

Abigail Berrios

Holy God, we gather here together.

Some of us are hungry, tired, restless, wandering.

Fill us with the things we need, O Lord.

Love, Joy, Peace.

As we gather here together may we

taste and see the grace eternal. May we taste and see that God is good.

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

*All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We who once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

Prayer of Praise †

Abigail Berrios

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.*

Dedication of Zoey Elizabeth Ann Davis

Renee Purtlebaugh

Words of Commitment

Presentation

Prayer of Dedication

And so we are reminded once again of the words of the apostles that,
"Before we loved God, **God loved us.**"

Song of Dedication

O WALY WALY
Text by Diane Brewer

*For this great gift we thank you God and pledge to love as if our own.
To teach and guide through word and deed with joy to watch them as they grow.*

**WE WHO ONCE WERE LOST AND SCATTERED
IN COMMUNION'S LOVE HAVE STOOD**

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 130 (Pew Bible page 562 – OT)

Paul Henderson

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Words of Assurance

Our souls wait for you, O Lord.

Out of the depths we cry to you.

We know you have heard us.

Thanks be to you, O Lord, for your forgiveness and steadfast love. Amen.

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

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

COME FROM WILDERNESS AND WANDERING.
HERE, IN TRUTH WE WILL BE FED

Choral Ensemble

C. L. Bass

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to hear thy call. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those who on Thee call; to them who seek Thee Thou art good, to them who find Thee, all in all. Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast. Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

John 6:35, 41-51 (Pew Bible pages 96-97 – NT)

Sermon

Hannibal Lecter and the Gospel

TASTE AND SEE THE GRACE ETERNAL, TASTE AND SEE THAT GOD IS GOOD

Hymn of Response †

BEACH SPRING

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord. Chorus*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages, "I am with you: do not fear!" Repeat chorus*

*By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. Repeat chorus*

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Corey Moran

Offertory

R. Schumann

Traumerei from "Scenes from Childhood," Op. 15

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.***

Blessing for the New School Year †

Renee Purtlebaugh and Justin Sizemore

Children of God and curious thinkers, be filled with questions about yourself and the world around you.
Be blessed with discernment as you decide when, where, and to whom you will ask your questions.
And when there is no answer to be found, or none that satisfy, cling to the greatest promise of all:
God loves you and will never leave you. Amen.

Postlude

arr. Mark Hayes

Postlude on HOLY MANNA

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Many thanks to Sharon Sanders for her musical leadership in today's service.

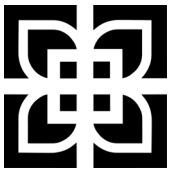
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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Nominations Needed:** This is a busy season in the life of our church, and we need to identify folks who will provide leadership for two different groups:
 1. **Leadership Team for Strategic Planning**
 2. **Ministry Council**More information and ballots for this nomination process are included in today's order of worship. The ballot is two-sided, one side for nominations to the Leadership Team for Strategic Planning and the other side for nominations for the Ministry Council. **Please place your completed ballot in the offering plate or return it to the church office by August 25.**
- **Wednesday Night Programming and Meals Resume on August 21:** Meal costs are \$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 volunteers to assist with food prep and setup, making desserts, or cleanup. **Contact Kathy Belcher (klbelcher53@gmail.com) if you can help or want more information. Reservations need to be made each Monday by 12:00 PM for that week's meal. If you prefer, you can also make standing reservations. To make dinner reservations, contact Kathleen Gordon at the church office (502-451-3735) or by email (kathleen@hbclouisville.org).**
- **We are thrilled to host author Cole Arthur Riley at Highland on Sunday evening, September 15 at 6:00 PM.** This event is made possible through generous funding from the Lily Endowment for Renee's sabbatical and our entire church family. You will be able to register for this event starting on Tuesday, August 13. After Labor Day weekend, we will invite the rest of the community to RSVP for any remaining spots
- **Young Adult (30 and under) Pool Party:** We'll gather at Larry and Mary Ida Gray's home on Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 PM. For more information, contact Justin Sizemore at justin@hbclouisville.org. If you're new to Highland, this will be a great opportunity to connect with the rest of the young adult community.
- 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.



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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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