



There are moments
that cry out to be fulfilled.
Like, telling someone you love them.
Or giving your money away, all of it.

Your heart is beating, isn't it?
You're not in chains, are you?

There is nothing more pathetic
than caution
when headlong might save a life,
even, possibly, your own.

~ *Mary Oliver*, "Moments," 2016

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 2024
10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING

Prelude

D. Zipoli

Allegro

Call to Worship

Abby Sizemore

We gather this morning bringing many and varied needs.

We gather needing to breathe deeply, taking in Your Spirit.

We gather this morning searching for a word of hope amidst chaos.

We gather looking for Your word, Your presence, and Your love.

We gather needing an encounter with You, O God.

We gather seeking wisdom for the living of our lives.

We gather to worship You, in gratitude for who You are and all You give.

Hymn of Praise †

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

*Praise the Source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.*

*May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
has displaced the ground for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror with antiquated creed.*

*As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.*

Prayer of Praise †

Abby Sizemore

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.*

A Reading from Proverbs

Proverbs 9:1-6 (Pew Bible page 580 – OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

KEEP OUR FAITH FOREVER GROWING AND RENEW OUR NEED TO PRAY

Prayer of Confession

Bob Cunningham

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

FAR BEYOND OUR CALCULATION LIES A DEPTH WE CANNOT SOUND

Hymn †

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.*

*Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set all free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.*

Anthem

Kevin Memley

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought,
by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy Presence my light. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great One of heaven,
my treasure Thou art. Great One of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart what ever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-16 (Pew Bible page 191 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

For the Living of These Days

BLEND, O GOD, OUR FAITH AND LEARNING TILL THEY JOIN AS ONE

Hymn of Response †

CANONBURY

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

*Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by Your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.*

*God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for power that separate.*

*When chasms widen, storms arrive, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.*

*God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.*

Offertory Prayer

Justin Sizemore

Offertory

S. Rachmaninoff

Prelude in B, Op. 32, No. 11

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

arr. L. Shackley

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*, 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

- **Called Business Meeting:** On Wednesday evening, August 21, those who are gathered at 5:45 PM will enter a called business meeting to affirm the recommendation of the Deacon body that the church name Procter Eubank as an Honor Deacon of Highland Baptist Church.
- **Thank you for your continued flexibility and willingness to pivot with us in this season of renovation!** We remain hopeful that we can be in the sanctuary and return to our regular schedule next Sunday. However, read the newsletter and/or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information!
- **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, and 2) Ministry Council. More information and ballots for this nomination process are included on the two-sided ballot in your order of worship today. **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 THIS WEEK 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 (kibelcher53@gmail.com) if you can help. Reservations need to be made each Monday by 12:00 PM for that week's meal, or you can make a standing reservation, by contacting Kathleen Gordon (502-451-3735 or 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 Purtlebaugh's sabbatical and our entire church family. **Registration is required and you can find the link in the newsletter.** 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 TODAY at 1:00 PM. Talk to Justin Sizemore if you'd like to join. If you're new to Highland, this will be a great opportunity to connect with the rest of the young adult 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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