

Come Lord,
and quiet the worry.
I step, and you steady me.
I give, and you keep my hands open.
I act, and you fortify me with courage
to try and try and try again.

~ Kate Bowler



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 25, 2024
10:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

**GOD WHO MADE US, CHRIST WHO CALLS US,
BREATH WHO GUIDES US IN THE WAY**

Prelude

A. Dvorak

Andante

Call to Worship - from Psalm 84

Doris Hornbuckle

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
To you our hearts and souls sing for joy, O God.
Happy are those who live in your house, O Lord of hosts.
Happy are those whose strength is in you, O God.
It is better to be a doorkeeper in your house
than to live in the tents of wickedness.
O fairest Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in you.

Hymn of Praise †

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

Prayer of Praise †

Doris Hornbuckle

Glory to the Creator †

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*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.*

HEAR THE HUMBLE WORDS WE WHISPER AS WE DARE TO BOW AND PRAY

Deacon Testimony and a Reading from the Psalms

Genene Nisbet

Psalm 84:1-8 (Pew Bible pages 531-532 – OT)

Choral Prayer of Confession

John Rutter

Open Thou Mine Eyes

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body. In blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Words of Assurance

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Justin Sizemore

Hymn †

W ZLOBIE LEZY

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs;
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers:
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts:
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

TELL US, AS WE BRAVE THE DARKNESS, WHEN TO SPEAK AND WHAT TO SAY

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20 (Pew Bible page 191 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

For the Living of These Days: Fortify Us with Courage

MAY OUR LIVES OF MUMBLED PRAYING END WITH HEAVEN'S CLEAR "AMEN"

Hymn of Response †

RESTORATION

God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us

*God who made us, Christ who calls us, Breath who guides us in the Way,
hear the humble words we whisper as we dare to bow and pray.*

*“Live Your Light within and through us, dawn in us eternal day.
Tell us, as we brave the darkness, when to speak and what to say.*

*Give us courage, humble courage. Give us faith that will not fail.
Give us love with no exception. Though us let Your peace prevail.”*

*God who made us, Christ who calls us, Breath who guides from deep within,
May our lives of mumbled praying end with Heaven’s clear “Amen.”*

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Noelle Tennis Gulden

Offertory

Heather Sorenson

Offertory on RESTORATION

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

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Postlude

Ron Boud

Postlude on CRUSADERS’ HYMN

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us*, 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 and over the past year!

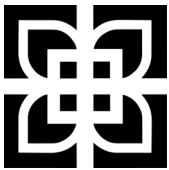
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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Gather Round: We will “Gather Round” on Sunday, September 8 as we kick off the fall semester together.** Use the link in the newsletter or call the church office to RSVP for a picnic lunch by September 1. The cost is \$7 per person with a \$21 maximum for families. There will be outdoor games set up as we gather round and fellowship together.
- **Last Day for Nominations:** 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 is on the two-sided ballot in your order of worship today. **Please place your completed ballot in the offering plate today.**
- **Deacon Ordination Service is tonight at 6:00 PM.** We will ordain seven new deacons, install four returning deacons, and recognize Procter Eubank as an Honor Deacon.
- **Wednesday Night Programming and Meals continue this week:** 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. 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).**
- **Louisville Pride on September 14 from 11:00 AM–10:00 PM.** We need booth volunteers! Sign up at the back of the Fellowship Hall today.
- **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.** We will also explore Black liturgies by Riley over the next three Wednesday nights.



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