



Sink your generosity deep into our lives
that your muchness may expose our false lack
that endlessly receiving we may endlessly give
so that the world may be made Easter new,
without greedy lack, but only wonder,
without coercive need but only love,
without destructive greed but only praise
without aggression and invasiveness ...
all things Easter new ...
all around us, toward us and by us
all things Easter new.

~ Walter Brueggemann

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 13, 2024
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS, LET THEM FLOW IN CEASELESS PRAISE

Prelude

Pavel Tchesnokov

Salvation Is Created
Highland Orchestra

Call to Worship

David Swim (8:45)
Karen Park (11:15)

The cloud of witness began gathering here on this corner over one hundred thirty years ago, their generosity inspired by you, O God—their help, and their hope.

We gather this morning to receive and to bear witness to your Love and justice in our world, our contemplation and our action inspired by you, O God—our help, and our hope.

We imagine the faces of those who will gather within these stone walls over one hundred thirty years from now, their lives already being shaped by the stories of your great faithfulness and compassion that fails not.

In the past, the present, and the years to come, O God, you are our help and our hope. Let us worship you together!

Hymn of Praise (566) †

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Praise †

David Swim (8:45)
Karen Park (11:15)

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.

TAKE MY WILL AND MAKE IT THINE; IT SHALL BE NO LONGER MINE

The Gospel Lesson †

Paul Henderson

Mark 10:23-31 (Pew Bible page 45 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Lord of wisdom, truth, justice and mercy, we are called to be your people.

We seek to listen and to respond.

We seek to welcome and to cultivate a spirit of thoughtful discernment.

We seek to be people who understand what is of lasting value, what matters most.

When we cannot untangle ourselves from the noise threatening to fill every vacuum,

clear our minds. Settle our spirits. Forgive our wandering.

Re-center us in your Love. Remind us that you are here, with us. *Silence.*

Choral Anthem of Assurance

Will Todd

The Call of Wisdom

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of Justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? I am here, I am with you. Silver is of passing worth, gold is not a constant value, jewels sparkle for a while, what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. God the creator and the Christ, holy spirit coeternal. Glory, glory be ascribed to you now and to the end of the ages.

Exchange of Peace

Paul Henderson

TAKE MY HEART, IT IS THINE OWN, IT SHALL BE THY ROYAL THRONE

Hymn (477) †

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

The Epistle Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

1 Corinthians 8:1-7 (Pew Bible pages 167 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Generous Undertakings

TAKE MYSELF AND I WILL BE EVER, ONLY, ALL FOR THEE

Hymn of Response (490) †

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Faithful Giving Story and Offertory Prayer

Robert Kahne (8:45)
Michelle Vaughn (11:15)

*You are invited to bring your offerings and pledges
to the front at this time.*

Offertory

Bain, arr. Wagner

Brother James' Air
Highland Orchestra

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

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on ST. ANNE

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.


Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons.

Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Today we begin our pledge season for the 2025 ministry budget and continue pledging toward our Sacred Space campaign.** You'll be invited to bring a pledge card forward in worship or you can make a pledge online using the QR code in the pledge brochure. Your pledges will make a crucial difference as we enter the budgeting process and prepare for needing \$120,000 in additional funds for payment on our renovation loans. We are currently paying \$350 a day in interest on these loans, and every gift we receive now helps to decrease that expense. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can contribute so that Highland can continue in the work of Love. 
- **Our hearts are heavy seeing the disastrous impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton across the country.** Our Mission and Justice Ministry Group is meeting today to discuss how we as a congregation can best respond in caring for our neighbors who have lost so much. We will be in touch about ways to give to support these efforts.
- **Up Ahead:**
 - October 13 Empty Bowls 2024, Highlands Community Ministries, 4:30-7:00 PM
 - October 16 Wednesday Night Series Begins: Christian Nationalism
 - October 27 Fall Festival on the Lawn, 3:00-5:00 PM
 - October 29 Cream of the Crop visit to Tribe Animal Sanctuary, 10:00 AM



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**
*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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