



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Organ Meditation

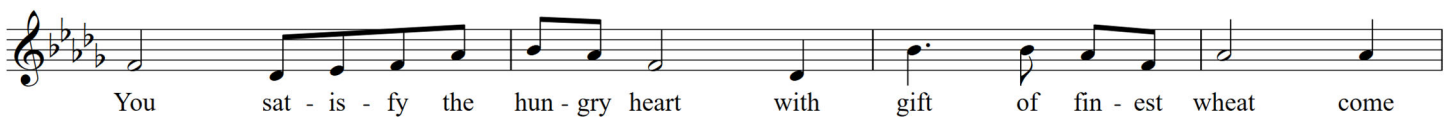
Eurydice V. Osterman

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Lenten Call to Worship

FINEST WHEAT

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Hymn of Reflection †

BEACH SPRING

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Gallean 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.*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*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.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

*As far as the east is from the west, that's how far God has taken our wrongdoings away from us.
Our sins are no match for our magnificent, compassionate God. Receive God's pardon and be
at peace.*

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (303) †

HOLY MANNA

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Dedication of Hallie Rider (11:15)

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.*

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

Prayer of Praise †

Joey Eubank (8:45)
Stephanie Hall (11:15)

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

Choral Anthem

Andrea Ramsey

Psalm of Hope

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? You are my hope, O God, my rock, my refuge. In You, I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed.

The Gospel Lesson †

Lewis Brogdon

Matthew 24:1-14 (Pew Bible page 26 – NT)

Sermon

Faithful Living in the Shadow of Chaos and Collapse
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (680) †

FINLANDIA

I Then Shall Live

Offertory Prayer †

Procter Eubank (8:45)
Cheryl Priddy (11:15)

Offertory

Hart Morris

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Highland Handbells and Robert Kahne, saxophone

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 †

WONDROUS LOVE

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

Lenten Benediction †

THAXTED

We Are One in Christ

***As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,
we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.***

Postlude

Juliette Folville

Communion

Today in Worship

The season of Lent is 40 weekdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter. These 40 days represent the time when Jesus was in the wilderness praying and resisting the devil's temptations. Using the life of Jesus as our guide, we pray for God's forgiveness and guidance to initiate change in us and move toward a greater understanding of who Jesus is and what we can do to be like him. You might notice that during the season of Lent, symbols crafted of common things drawn from the earth, such as clay and wood, replace the resplendent silver symbols on the communion table. This change, along with a plentiful use of burlap fabric, helps create an outward shift toward penitence and meditation. Purple is the predominant color of Lent as seen on the cross and worn by the ministers.

Our gratitude to Dr. Lewis Brogdon, our proclaimer in today's service and to Robert Kahne for his musical offering.

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. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the sermon.

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 first 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

- **Our upcoming proclaimers are:** Renee Purtlebaugh (Mar. 23), Kathryn House (Mar. 30), Sally Evans (Apr. 6), Justin Sizemore (Apr. 13), Carol Harston (Apr. 20), and Children's Sabbath (Apr. 27).
- **Pastor Search Committee Nominations**—Please take some time to nominate people for Highland's Pastor Search Committee. We hope to have a wide range of demographics represented from the church body. You may nominate members, including yourself. The nomination form will be available in both digital format in the newsletter and paper format today. The nominations will close on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 PM. Please use one form per person you nominate, in either the paper or digital format.
- **Help us build a home with Habitat for Humanity**—On March 20, 21, and 22, Highland is partnering with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for three to four volunteers on each day. For more information, contact Larry Hoover at larryhoover@att.net.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - March 19: Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall
 - April 13: Palm Sunday - 8:45 and 11:15 AM services, Sanctuary
 - April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
 - April 18: Good Friday - Tenebrae service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
 - April 20: Easter Sunday - 8:45 & 11:15 AM services, Easter on the Lawn, 10:00 AM
 - April 27: Children's Sabbath



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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