

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Organ Meditation

Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God

Lenten Call to Worship

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat come 5 sav - ing Lord, of life 0 the bread to give to us, eat.

Paul Henderson

Miriam Carpinetti

FINEST WHEAT

The Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 671-672 - OT)

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Hymn of Reflection +

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

As grain on scattered hillsides, when gathered, makes one bread, God, gather all your people as one in Christ our head. We come from many places, and we are not the same, yet Your strong love has called us to meet in Jesus' name.

A grain of wheat is fruitless until in earth it lies; then, dying to its old life, it bears and multiplies. So may we die to hatred, to all our hurtful ways, reborn to common living, to love, to work, to praise.

Like yeast that brings new ferment so lifeless dough may rise, Your Spirit is the leaven of life that satisfies. As salt enhances flavor, enriches, and preserves, may earth rejoice to savor a church that heals and serves.

O Christ, our loving Savior; O Spirit, holy dove, come now and move among us; make us a sign of love. Come, knead and blend each texture with strong and gentle hands, that we may be one body, one loaf in many lands.

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, We confess we overlook your daily provision. We take your gifts for granted, longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do. Our hearts are often filled with envy, and our desires pull us away from gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your faithfulness and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving. We trust that you provide all we truly need. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace +

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (378) +

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise

Choral Anthem

Prayer of Praise †

Rosephanye Powell

Non Nobis, Domine

Non Nobis, Domine, non nobis sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory.

> Richard Ryan (8:45) Susan Coleman Layman (11:15)

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

Justin Sizemore

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TRURO

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson +

Matthew 6:9-13 (Pew Bible page 26 - NT)

Sermon

Give Us This Day Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response +

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer +

Offertory

Claire de Lune

News for the Community

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 +

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

Andante Grazioso

Cathy Ryan (8:45) Jeff Layman *(11:15)*

Augusta Holmes

Renee Purtlebaugh

WONDROUS LOVE

Kate Boundy

Albert Hay Malotte

Renee Purtlebaugh

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.

Our gratitude to Renee Purtlebaugh, Associate Pastor to Children and Their Families, our proclaimer in today's service.

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: Kathryn House (Mar. 30), Sally Evans (Apr. 6), Justin Sizemore (Apr. 13), Carol Harston (Apr. 20), and Children's Sabbath (Apr. 27).
- This Easter we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies. You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a family member, a friend, a loved one, or a group of people. You may order flowers by using the QR code or by calling the church office at 502-451-3735.



• Join us for a finger-food breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter morning, April 20 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up via the QR code to bring a breakfast item to share. We invite you to bring fresh flowers to help adorn our Easter cross, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt on the lawn for various age groups.

• Looking Ahead:

March 26: Cloud of Witness - Bob Cunningham facilitates conversation with Kim Fritschi, Gary Pennington, and Abbi Wolfe, 6:15 PM, Sanctuary

- Mar 31-Apr 4: JCPS Spring Break no Wednesday evening activities on April 2 (except Adult Choir Rehearsal at 6:15 PM) April 6: Ordination Service for Paxton Vaughn, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary
- April 13: Palm Sunday 8:45 and 11:15 AM services, Sanctuary
- April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 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



Jerre and Frank Bassett

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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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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.

Robin Ramsay Lee Deacon Chair

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