



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 30, 2025**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Bob Cunningham

## A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Organ Meditation

Alice Jordan

*Brother James' Air*

Lenten Call to Worship

FINEST WHEAT

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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

A Lesson from the Psalms

Walter McWhorter (8:45)  
Tracy Holladay (11:15)

Psalm 23 (Pew Bible page 491 – OT)

Hymn of Reflection †

ST. PETER

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

***In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

***In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.***

***Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Parent as a child is surely kin to me.***

***In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:  
all Christlike souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.***

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Children of faith, remember this good news: God is faithful to increase our compassion,  
expand our invitations, and increase our patience with others. Receive God's pardon  
and be at peace.***

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (357) †

MARION

*O Praise the Gracious Power*

Prayer of Praise †

Linda Waller (8:45)  
Anita Roper (11:15)

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

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

Choral Anthem

Mark A. Miller

### *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall.  
We're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.  
We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall! God has called us, one and all.  
Christ has broken down the wall.

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 14:7-14 (Pew Bible pages 75-76 – NT)

Kathryn House

Sermon

### *Seating Arrangements*

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn (254) †

CANONBURY

### *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

Call to Justice

Diane Clark-Endicott (8:45)  
Cameron Fontes (11:15)

Offertory Prayer

Bill Campbell (8:45)  
Ken Burke (11:15)

Offertory

### *Meditation on MARYTON*

Alice Jordan

News for the Community

Paul Henderson

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

### *Introduction and Chorale on ST. MARGARET*

Alice Jordan

## 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 Rev. Kathryn House, Ph.D., our guest proclaimer in today's service. She is Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies and Practical Theology and Chair of the Rev. Dr. Lee Barker Professorship of Leadership Studies at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. Her teaching and scholarship are generated at the intersections of trauma-informed pastoral and spiritual care, liberation theologies, and leadership studies. House is ordained in the American Baptist Churches, USA, and affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists.

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 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 Sunday proclaimers are:** 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:**
  - 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, 6:30 PM charcuterie, 7:00 PM service, 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



## 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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