

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. Sally Evans, our guest proclaimer in today's service. She is a minister, audio artist, and artful gatherer who is passionate about guiding those who have deconstructed their faith toward a more integrated relationship with God. She currently works at the Center for Interfaith Relations as their Community Engagement Strategist. Sally, Paige, and their twins have attended Highland since 2013.

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.



Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Our upcoming Sunday proclaimers are:** Justin Sizemore (April 13), Carol Harston (April 20), and Children's Sabbath (April 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. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 14.
- **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:**
 - 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
 - April 27: Children's Sabbath



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Organ Meditation

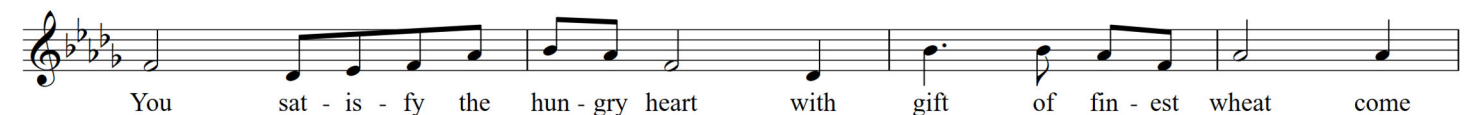
Norah Duncan

Ubi Caritas

Lenten Call to Worship

FINEST WHEAT

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



**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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
CUSTODIANS

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Robin Ramsay Lee
DEACON CHAIR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Kathleen Gordon
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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Margaret Pennington
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Tracy Holladay
INTERIM STAFF COORDINATOR

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:7-14 (Pew Bible page 194 – NT)

Paul Henderson

Hymn of Reflection (469) †

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

ST. COLUMBA

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

God of righteousness and justice, you know our hearts and minds. While we glorify people who are talented, famous, conventionally beautiful, or wealthy, you see beauty in places we tend to ignore or neglect. We have overlooked the value of those who don't fit our standards, who struggle to be seen, or who are dismissed by society. We have neglected to honor the dignity of those unlike us or displaced from their homelands and have allowed our biases to shape our actions and choices. Forgive us, God, for the times we have failed to reflect your inclusive love and justice. Open our eyes to see the worth of every person, and teach us to honor all of your creation with the respect it deserves. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn †

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

HYFRYDOL

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear, saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways, but they share one thing in common: they all end with thanks and praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above! —and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Prayer of Praise †

Genene Nisbet (8:45)
Paxton Vaughn (11:15)

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible page 104 – NT)

Sally Evans

Sermon

Scent and Sensibility

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

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn (457) †

Come and Feast for All are Welcomed

REGENT SQUARE

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer*

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your seat.

Choral Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor,

Deus ibi est.

Congregavit no in unum Christ amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love,

God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Offertory Prayer

Greg Bunten (8:45)
Michelle Vaughn (11:15)

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 †

WONDRIOUS 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 †

We Are One in Christ

THAXTED

*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

Improvisation on ST. COLUMBA

Joseph Parr

*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord's Prayer today, we will use the words "Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father ..." to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word "kingdom" and others prefer the word "kin-dom" to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.