



"Courage is the measure of our heartfelt participation with life, with another, with a community, a work; a future. To be courageous is not necessarily to go anywhere or do anything except to make conscious those things we already feel deeply and then to live through the unending vulnerabilities of those consequences."

~ David Whyte, *Consolations*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

The Easter Gospel

Steve Brown and Renee Purtlebaugh

Mark 16:1-7 (Pew Bible page 53 – NT)

Congregational Response

The Lord is Risen!

He is risen indeed! (three-fold)

Processional Hymn (194) †

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Prayer of Praise †

Kathey Golightly Sanders

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.

Choral Anthem

arr. Julian Wachner

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

Now let the vault of Heaven resound in praise of Love that doth abound, "Christ hath triumphed! Alleluia!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear. Repeat their song of glory here, "Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!" Alleluia! Eternal is the gift He brings, wherefore our heart with rapture sings, "Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!" Now doth He come and give us life. Now doth His presence still all strife through His triumph; Jesus reigneth! Alleluia! O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above that we conquer through Thy triumph. Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our life we ever say, "Christ hath triumphed, and He liveth!" Alleluia! Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing, "Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia! Be to Creator and our Lord, to the Spirit blest, most holy God, Thine the glory, never ending! Alleluia! Amen!

The Hebrew Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible page 682 – OT)

LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE, ALLELUIA!

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Resurrected Christ, you faced the depths of death and suffering and emerged victorious. You were broken yet made whole, for the love of God's good world. Yet, we confess we forget that love has the final victory.

You prove your love for us by taking our small efforts and magnifying them into dramatic change.

You challenge our limited potential and expand our reach into new horizons of love and justice.

You are a good teacher, showing us how to take what little we have and trust in your abundance.

Yet we cling to our scarcity, doubting that what we offer could ever be enough. You took a little boy's small lunch—five loaves and two fish—and fed a multitude.

Forgive us when we think too small, failing to believe you can multiply our efforts for the good of your world.

Forgive us, bread of life, for underestimating your power and ignoring the call to join in your work.

Inspire us to dream boldly, give generously, and act faithfully, trusting that your love can transform even the smallest offering into a feast of justice and grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (223) †

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CHRIST HAS OPENED PARADISE, ALLELUIA!

The Gospel Lesson †

John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible pagew 112-113 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

You Are Our Only Hope: Putting All Our Eggs in One Basket

SING, YE HEAVENS, AND EARTH REPLY, ALLELUIA!

Hymn of Response (210) †

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

DUKE STREET

Offertory Prayer †

Mark Sanders

Offertory

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Highland Brass

arr. Doug Smith

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

C. M. Widor

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Highland welcomes and thanks Rev. Dr. Carol Harston, our guest proclaimer in today's service.

Gratitude to Highland's Brass for their musical leadership in our worship service. We thank local artist and Highland member Tamara Scantland Adams for the cover art on today's order of worship.

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

- **The nominees for the Pastor Search Committee are listed below.** Please prayerfully consider these names over the next week. We have included information about each nominee in the newsletter and will vote on them electronically April 27-30. When voting, you may vote yes/no on the whole group or vote individually for each candidate.

Larry Gray, Robert Kahne, Amy Pacyga, Erin Phelps, Kathey Golightly Sanders, Jess Smith, and Abbi Wolfe.
Alternates: Diane Brewer, Ron Smith



- **Children's Sabbath next Sunday at 11:15 AM**—Highland's children from birth through the fifth grade will lead in worship through singing, ringing of bells, scripture, hymns, and prayers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see and experience worship through the eyes of our children, so we hope you make every effort to be with us!
- **Interim Pastor Search Committee**—We are excited to announce that we are recommending Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell to serve as Highland Baptist's Interim Pastor. Chris brings over 25 years of dynamic pastoral leadership, a deep alignment with our church's core values, and a passion for progressive, inclusive ministry. Many in our community will recognize Chris from his 15+ years as Pastor at Broadway Baptist Church here in Louisville. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and has held several leadership roles at Simmons College. Chris has dedicated his life to preaching and teaching a faith rooted in justice and inclusion, with a strong track record in anti-racism and LGBTQ+ advocacy. We will hold a formal congregational vote on Sunday, April 27, and look forward to your participation as we welcome this next chapter for Highland.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - April 25: Senior Adult Luncheon on Gustavo's Mexican Grill at Noon; contact Paul Henderson for reservations.
 - 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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
CUSTODIANS

Bob Cunningham
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathleen Gordon
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS