



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

8:45 A.M.

**GREAT GOD, OUR CREATOR, WE PRAISE YOU
AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT IS GOOD**

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Prelude on O Filii et Filiae

Call to Worship – Psalm 150

We praise you, O God, in your sanctuary;
We praise you in your mighty skies!
We praise you for your powerful deeds.
We praise you for your overwhelming glory!
We praise you with the ringing of bells.
We praise you with dulcimers and xylophones!
We praise you with chimes and dance.
We praise you with smiling faces!
We praise you with wondering questions.
We praise you with singing voices!
Let everything that has breath praise God! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise †

ST. DENIO

Great God, Our Creator

***Great God, our creator and maker of all, the Giver of all good things, both great and small,
we praise you and thank you for all that is good; for life, health, and strength, for family and food.***

***Great Son, our Redeemer, our Savior and Friend, Emmanuel, Christ who gives life without end.
We bow down before you with uplifted arms and pray that you keep us this day safe from harm.***

***Great Spirit and myst'ry we don't comprehend, you blow in and through us as whispering wind.
Oh, move in our lives like the rise of the waves, both Holy and Other, make us strong and brave.***

***We praise you, Creator, Redeemer, and Guide. We ask that within us you now will abide.
Instruct us and keep us 'til this day is done; remake us like you, God, O great Three-in-One.***

Prayer of Praise †

Gabe Heeke

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.***

**GREAT SON, OUR REDEEMER, WE BOW DOWN
BEFORE YOU WITH UPLIFTED HANDS**

Prayer of Confession

Appalachian Folk Song
arr. M. Burkhardt

Oh, Every Morn

Joey Partin and Jenna Proffit

Please echo on the final refrain:

Oh, every morn when the sun awakes, I bring to the Lord my morning prayer.

Hymn of Assurance (290) †

O WALY WALY

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

**GREAT SPIRIT AND MYSTERY WE DON'T COMPREHEND,
YOU BLOW IN AND THROUGH US AS WHISPERING WIND**

Anthem

Mark Miller

I Believe

Dominique Cooper, Joey Partin, Jenna Proffit

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining. I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Sermon

Justin Sizemore

Child-Like Faith

**WE PRAISE YOU, CREATOR, REDEEMER, AND GUIDE.
WE ASK THAT WITHIN US YOU NOW WILL ABIDE**

Hymn of Response (27) †

BUNESSAN

Morning Has Broken

Offertory Prayer †

Noelle Tennis Gulden

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Tierce un Taille on O Filii et Filiae

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 †

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 †

Justin Sizemore

Postlude

Jeanne Demessieux

O Filii et Filiae

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Great God, Our Creator*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our gratitude to Justin Sizemore, our proclaimer in today's service. Thanks also to Dominique Cooper, Joey Partin, and Jenna Proffitt for their musical leadership.

The sanctuary flowers were given by Jerry Clemons following the funeral service for his wife, Colleen Clemons.

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

- **Please vote today through April 30 for our Pastor Search Committee nominees:** Larry Gray, Robert Kahne, Amy Pacyga, Erin Phelps, Kathey Golightly Sanders, Jess Smith, and Abbi Wolfe. Alternates: Diane Brewer, Ron Smith. Those unable to vote electronically may call the church office to record their vote during the same time period at 502-451-3735.
- **The Interim Pastor Search Committee is excited to recommend 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.



Chris will share his faith story in both services on Sunday, May 4 and will be available to meet with interested congregants between services in the Commons. A formal congregational vote will take place during a called business meeting via Zoom on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM. If approved, Chris will begin his ministry at Highland on Monday, May 5.

- **Looking Ahead:**
 - May 4: Meet Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor Candidate, during morning worship
Called Business Meeting via Zoom at 4:00 PM to vote on interim pastor candidate
 - June 1: Congregational Conversation #2
 - June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
 - July 12: Trivia Night and Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign



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

Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Tracy Holladay
INTERIM STAFF COORDINATOR

Robin Ramsay Lee
DEACON CHAIR

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Margaret Pennington
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS