



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

NOW LET THE HEAVENS BE JOYFUL! LET EARTH HER SONG BEGIN!

Prelude

arr. Sonda Tucker

Shalom Chaverim
Highland Handbells

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 30

Diane Endicott (8:45)
John Dickson (11:15)

Sing praises to our Lord:

who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; For we know this truth: that Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed!

Hymn of Praise (214) †

LANCASHIRE

The Day of Resurrection!

Prayer of Praise †

Diane Endicott (8:45)
John Dickson (11:15)

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 Praise

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O Clap Your Hands

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with a voice of triumph. For the Lord most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises; for God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

OUR HEARTS BE PURE FROM EVIL, THAT WE MAY SEE ARIGHT THE LORD

The Hebrew Lesson

Paul Henderson

Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible page 639 – OT)

Hymn (543) †

EVENTIDE

Abide with Me

AND LISTENING TO HIS ACCENTS, MAY HEAR, SO CALM AND PLAIN, ALL HAIL!

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

In your mercy, O Lord, hear our prayer.

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible pages 88-89 – NT)

Noelle Tennis Gulden

Sermon

The Road to Emmaus

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION! EARTH, TELL IT OUT ABROAD!

Hymn of Response (203) †

Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Justin Sizemore

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.

Musical Offering

arr. Catherine McMichael

Contemplation on Ubi Caritas
Highland Handbells

Offertory Prayer †

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Kim Fritschi (11:15)

Introduction of Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor Candidate

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 †

TALLIS' CANON

*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 †

Noelle Tennis Gulden

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Christ Lay In Death's Strong Bonds

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

*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.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *The Day of Resurrection!*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our gratitude to Noelle Tennis Gulden, our proclaimer in today's service and to Highland's Handbells for their musical leadership.

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.

Permission to print and stream music obtained from One License #A-726201. All rights reserved.

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **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.



A formal congregational vote will take place during a called business meeting via Zoom today at 4:00 PM. The link was emailed on Friday. If approved, Chris will begin his ministry at Highland on Monday, May 5.

- **Our congregation voted to elect the following persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee:** Larry Gray, Robert Kahne, Amy Pacyga, Erin Phelps, Kathey Golightly Sanders, Jess Smith, and Abbi Wolfe. Diane Brewer and Ron Smith will serve as alternates.
- **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
 - May 18: Intergenerational Game Night for Young Adults and Cream of the Crop, Fellowship Hall, 4:30-7:30 PM
 - May 21: Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00 PM
 - 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