



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD, MAY I SING THY PRAISE  
WITHIN THY HOUSE FOREVER

Prelude

Healey Willian

*Prelude on ST. COLUMBA*

Call to Worship - from Revelation 7

Bruce Rogers (8:45)

Vaughn Bell (11:15)

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
***“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!***  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  
***for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,***  
and God will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
***and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”***

Hymn of Praise (319) †

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Praise †

Mary Burks (8:45)

Vaughn Bell (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.***

PERVERSE AND FOOLISH, OFT I STRAYED,  
BUT YET IN LOVE HE SOUGHT ME

Choral Psalm

Howard Goodall

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

***Holy One, to dwell in your house is to remember we do not move through our days alone, for you are with us. To dwell in your house is to remember that making a difference in the world is not solely completed through our human power, for your power is also at work. To dwell in your house is to remember our vantage point is not the only perspective, for your vision brings clarity. Forgive us when we are distracted by the forces of urgency and complacency. Shepherd us, O God, beyond our wants, our fears, from death into life. Amen.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

AND, WHERE THE VERDANT PASTURES GROW,  
WITH FOOD CELESTIAL FEEDETH

Hymn (64) †

ST. COLUMBA

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The Gospel Lesson †

Chris Caldwell

John 10:22-30 (Pew Bible page 102 – NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*Confirmation Bias and Confounding Love*

THY ROD AND STAFF MY COMFORT STILL,  
THY CROSS BEFORE TO GUIDE ME

Hymn of Response (473) †

KELVINGROVE

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Offertory Prayer †

Mary Burks (8:45)  
Rick Holtmeier (11:15)

Offertory

Ethel Smyth

*Appeared Is the Glorious Day*

High School Senior Recognition and Blessing

Justin Sizemore

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Jean Langlais

*Chant Heroique*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Today's choral anthem, *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, was recently purchased by David Hartley for the worship of our Loving Shepherd and in memory of Jerry Burske.

Our thanks to Susan Coleman Layman and our string quintet for their musical leadership in worship. String players:  
Violin 1- Ray Weaver, Violin 2 - Kim Shippey, Viola - Lisa Weaver, Cello - Marsha Roberts, Bass - Eli Raines

The flowers on the chancel are given in recognition and gratitude for the 50th anniversary of the Jean Janes Global Women's Mission Group.

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. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the sermon.

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

- **Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland.** Our Deacons are not an "administrative board," but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community of faith in a variety of ways. The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 10 people to serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. Paper ballots are available and can be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. You can also use the online form in the newsletter or call the church office to place your nominations (502-451-3735). Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. **The nomination deadline is Wednesday, May 21.**
- **Have you ever been to a dance recital? Well, here's your chance!** The Highland Baptist Church Orchestra will present their spring concert, "A Dance Recital," on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 PM. From a Shaker dance to a waltz to a Ukranian folk dance, this program has it all. (Except actual dancers.) Join us for this lively program of music both light and serious.
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - 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 in the Sanctuary
  - June 1: Congregational Conversation #2
  - June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
  - June 22: Quarterly Church Conference via Zoom, 4:00 PM



### 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

**Chris Caldwell**  
INTERIM PASTOR

**Bob Cunningham**  
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Megan Fuller**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND  
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

**Kathleen Gordon**  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Paul Henderson**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC  
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**Tracy Holladay**  
INTERIM STAFF COORDINATOR

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**Margaret Pennington**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Justin Sizemore**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH  
AND YOUNG ADULTS