



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, SING TOGETHER, ALL UNITED IN ONE VOICE

Prelude

George Shearing

There is a Happy Land

Call to Worship - based on Psalm 148

Amber Burke (8:45)
Ainsley Braun (11:15)

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all angels; praise God, all hosts!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise (341) †

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Praise †

Amber Burke (8:45)
Ainsley Braun (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.***

Anthem

arr. Donald McCullough

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord: ye heavens adore him; Praise him angels in the height; Sun and moon, rejoice before him:
Praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; Worlds his mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken, For their guidance hath he made. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail. God hath made his saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; Hosts on high, his power proclaim. Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name. Praise the Lord, O, praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him! Alleluia! Worship,
honor, glory, blessing, Lord we offer unto thee. Young and old, thy praise expressing, In glad homage
bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore thee, we would bow before thy throne. As thine angels serve
before thee, So on earth thy will be done. Praise the Lord! O praise the Lord!

Baptism of Mya Cutler (11:15) †

Justin Sizemore

Call to the Water
Statement of Faith
Baptism in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Baptism Response †

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.***

GOD BLENDS US ALL TOGETHER IN ONE BODY OF CARE

The Gospel Lesson †

John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible page 106 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life.
We receive the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are made anew!
Thanks be to God!***

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

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

THOUGH WE LOOK FROM MANY ANGLES, OUR VIEWS REFLECT THE SON

Hymn †

TWO OAKS

All Are Welcome

*Let us build a house where love can swell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

The Epistle Lesson

Chris Caldwell

Acts 11:1-8, 15-18 (Pew Bible page 127 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

No Outsiders

AS YOU CALL US TO YOUR PUPOSE, BLESS OUR WORKING IN YOUR NAME

Hymn of Response (271) †

JUBILEE, alt.

Christian People, Sing Together

Offertory Prayer †

Greg Aguilon (8:45)
Zeke Braun (11:15)

Offertory

arr. David Winkler

How Beautiful Highland Orchestra

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Demessieux

Tu Es Petrus

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *Christian People, Sing Together*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

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. 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). **The nomination deadline is Wednesday, May 21.**
- **Pride Tee Order: we are reprinting our blue "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Pride t-shirts this year!** If you would like to place an order, please scan the QR code and fill out the form. There are children and adult sizes available. Orders are due TODAY!
- **The Young Adults and Cream of the Crop invite all to our intergenerational game night TONIGHT in Fellowship Hall from 4:30-7:30.** There will be food, games, and a great time of fellowship.
- **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," this 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:**
 - Today: 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— complete information in the newsletter
 - June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
 - June 22: Quarterly Church Conference via Zoom, 4:00 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
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