



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Prelude

Jean Langlais

Chant du Paix

Call to Worship— from Psalm 67

Walter McWhorter (8:45)

Kathy Belcher (11:15)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Hymn of Praise (9) †

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Prayer of Praise †

Walter McWhorter (8:45)

Kathy Belcher (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.

LORD OF ALL, WE BOW BEFORE YOU

A Lesson from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 67 (Pew Bible page 518 – OT)

Pastoral Prayer

Bob Cunningham

Exchange of Peace †

Bob Cunningham

PROPHETS SWELL THE GLAD REFRAIN

Hymn (264) †

RESIGNATION

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Anthem

Craig Courtney

Peace I Give to You

Peace I leave you. My peace I give you. Not as the world gives, I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled
and fear not. In this world you shall have tribulations. Take heart! I have overcome the world!

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

The Gospel Lesson †

John 14:23-29 (Pew Bible page 107 – NT)

Justin Sizemore

Sermon

Peace and Love Be with You

UNDIVIDED GOD WE CLAIM YOU

Hymn of Response (440) †

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

GIFT OF LOVE

Offertory Prayer †

Vance Smith (8:45)
Ginny Sims (11:15)

Offertory

The Peace Shall Be Exchanged

Don Locklair

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 †

Justin Sizemore

Postlude

Improvisation ON RESIGNATION

Joseph Parr

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace “He/Him” with “God” or “Love” (one syllable) and “Father” with “Parent,” “Holy,” or “Divine” (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, 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

- **Congregational Conversation #2 will be held on June 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 -11:00 AM. All are welcome to join in this conversation!** Please use the QR code here or see your newsletter for links to the information we will discuss. Coffee and sign in begins at 8:45 AM. Child care is available. Please note there is **no 8:45 worship service that day**, but we hope you will join us for the 11:15 worship service following the congregational conversation.
- **Drag Revival—Highland is joining eleven other congregations in sponsoring the Fourth Annual Drag Revival at on June 5 at Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E Breckinridge Street.** The Drag Revival is a family friendly, interfaith evening to celebrate the relationship between LGBTQ+ folks and faith. Tickets are free this year, thanks to a generous grant from the Fund for the Arts. You can use the QR code above or the link in the newsletter to secure tickets.
- **Highland has teamed up with 16 other open and affirming congregations and Racing Louisville FC to reserve 200 seat-back tickets in Section 116 for the June 6 match vs. Utah Royals, in celebration of Kentuckiana Pride Night.** Tickets are \$18.38 each (fees included) and can be purchased directly via the QR code.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - June 1: Congregational Conversation #2— complete information in the newsletter
 - June 5: Drag Revival, Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM
 - June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
 - June 15: Pride Sunday in worship, 8:45 and 11:15 AM
 - June 21: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival
 - 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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