



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 1, 2025

11:15 A.M.

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE, ALLELUIA!

Prelude

arr. George Shearing

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Call to Worship – from Psalm 47

Ben Pacyga

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

For God is the Sovereign over all the earth;

Sing praises with a psalm!

Hymn of Praise (219) †

LLANFAIR

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Prayer of Praise †

Ben Pacyga

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.

A Reading from Acts

Renee Purtlebaugh

Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 115 – NT)

Anthem

Gerald Finzi

God Is Gone Up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the king of glory enter in. Me-thinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend. And hear heart cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

SEE! THE HEAVEN ITS LORD RECEIVES, ALLELUIA!

Personal Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH AND SIN. ALLELUIA!

Hymn (555) †

LAND OF REST

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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

Living in the In-Between

BLESSINGS ON HIS CHURCH BELOW. ALLELUIA!

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

Timothy Brumfeld

The Lord's Prayer

Kim Henderson, Linda Campbell, Alison Schureck, Stephanie Hall, Kathy Collier,
Dominique Cooper, Jenna Profitt, Matthew Neal, John Gulden, Andrew Schafflein, Robert Davis

Offertory Prayer †

Steven Michael Carr

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 †

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 (630) †

EVANGELINE

Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness

Verse 1

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Toccata in F Major

*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, *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

To begin Pride Month, our communion anthem is by Kentucky native Timothy Brumfield. Tim is currently the Director of Music at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton, FL. Tim is a gifted composer and arranger whose piece "A Place Called Old Kentucky," co-written with Louis Birro, appears on his CD "Kentucky Serenade."

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

- **Strategic Planning Response Form—We welcome your participation in our congregational discernment process!** Thank you in advance for completing this form to help our Strategic Planning Team identify strategic priorities for HBC's future! Please use the QR code at right or a printed card to respond.
- **Drag Revival—Highland is joining eleven other congregations in sponsoring the Fourth Annual Drag Revival 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 and you can use the QR code below 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 seatback 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 here.
- **We will gladly welcome Rev. Rachel Small Stokes as our proclaimer for Pride Sunday on June 15.** Rachel is the Pastor at Immanuel UCC here in Louisville. She brings to us a deep spirit, an openness to all, and a sense of joy, creativity, and humor. She and her wife Les (a native Louisvillian) have two very energetic sons, Jack and Everett. They love being a rainbow family!
- **We will once again be marching in the Pride Parade on June 21 this year!** Sign up for the parade will be available shortly. Please plan to join us for this fun day of celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community!
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - 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



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.

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AND THEIR FAMILIES

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS