



# THE SPARKLE CREED

by Rev. Rachel Small Stokes

I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural.

I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads, and who saw everyone as a sibling child of God.

I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.

I believe in the church of everyday saints, as numerous, creative, and resilient as patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at the stars in Wonder.

I believe in the calling to each of us, that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief.

Amen.

## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

### TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 15, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

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Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

### GOD OF MANY FACES, WE OFFER YOU OUR PRAISE

Prelude

Calvin Hampton

*Prelude on NICAEA*

Call to Worship – from Psalm 139

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)

David Hartley (11:15)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

***You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.***

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

***Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?***

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

***If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.***

Hymn of Praise (1) †

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayer of Praise †

Diane Clark-Endicott (8:45)  
Brooke Hasl (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.*

A Reading from Proverbs

Gabe Heeke (8:45)  
Diane Brewer 11:15)

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 (Pew Bible pages 579-580 – OT)

## COME SANCTIFY OUR BODIES, ALL FASHIONED BY YOU

Song of Prayer

H. Leslie Adams  
text by Langston Hughes

*Prayer*

Dominique Cooper, mezzo soprano

I ask you this: Which way to go? I ask you this: Which sin to bear?  
Which crown to put Upon my hair? I do not know, Lord God, I do not know.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Chris Caldwell

Exchange of Peace †

Hymn †

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Praise the Source of All Creation*

*Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,  
blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.  
Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,  
streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.*

*Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;  
many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.  
Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,  
we will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.*

*Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind, and soul,  
reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.  
Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;  
praise the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, living in us and above.*

Anthem

Howard Helvey

*O God, You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour*

O God, you speak your beauty every hour, from soaring peaks to valleys fed by springs. In every living soul and fragrant flower your handiwork is seen creation sings! As people in your image, we aspire and live to mirror your creative fire. O risen Christ, we seek to understand the vastness of your wide-embracing love. With mercy from your gentle, guiding hand we move from depths below to heights above. May we, with hearts uplifted by your grace, extend your love to every land and race. O Spirit, giving breath to all the earth, we grow in faith and strength for your clear flame. O Wind of Heaven, recalled at our rebirth, the world awaits the unity we claim. With zeal we strive, assisted by your might, to fill the earth with everlasting Light.

# BREATHE WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE US THE WORD

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-5 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Rachel Small Stokes

Sermon

*On the 8th Day, God Added Sparkle*

## SINGING YOUR GLORY THROUGH ALL OF OUR DAYS

Hymn of Response †

SLANE

*God of Many Faces*

*God of many faces, we offer our praise, singing your glory through all of our days.  
Hear ever growing voices, once fragile, now strong, carrying melodies in expansive new songs.*

*God of many genders, our world reflects you, sunrise and sunset uniting our hues,  
woven into a city with jewels of all shades, houses of ruby and walls rowed with jade.*

*God of many names, we invite you to show us the new names that reflect our true souls.  
Breathe with your Holy Spirit to give us the Word that will indwell dry bones,  
granting new life once heard.*

*God of many bodies, abide within ours, shifting more each day through time and through scars.  
Come sanctify our bodes, all fashioned by you, holier everyday, still becoming more true.*

Offertory Prayer †

Troy Burden (8:45)  
Roan Hendrix-Verran (11:15)

Offertory

Calvin Hampton  
text by St. Francis

*Most High Omnipotent Good Lord*

Dominique Cooper, mezzo-soprano

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure.  
From thee alone all creatures came; no one is worthy thee to name. My Lord be praised by those who prove  
in free forgivingness their love, nor shrink from tribulation. Happy, who peaceably endure; with thee, Lord,  
their reward is sure.

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 †

Rachel Small Stokes

Postlude

Calvin Hampton

*Postlude on Praise to the Lord*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *God of Many Faces*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Today's anthem was commissioned by Highland Baptist Church, in celebration of the 100th anniversary and rededication of their sanctuary, and in memory of Virginia Middleton Marcum.

We gladly welcome Rev. Rachel Small Stokes as our guest proclaimer today. Rachel is the Pastor at Immanuel UCC here in Louisville. She and her wife, Les, have two very energetic sons, Jack and Everett. They love being a rainbow family!

This Pride Sunday focuses on the music of Calvin Hampton. Born in 1938, Hampton was a prolific composer, organist, and choral conductor. He served as organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan, New York from 1963-83. His "Fridays at Midnight" organ recital series, held there from 1974 to 1983, was one of the most renowned and widely attended organ recital series in American history. Hampton was particularly known for his hymn tunes and creative treatment of hymns. Many of his own tunes had complex and rhythmic accompaniments that he refused to simplify. Four of his tunes (DE TAR, LUKKASON, MACDOUGALL, AND ST. HELENA) are featured in *The Hymnal 1982*.

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

- **We will once again march in the Pride Parade on June 21 this year!** Sign up for the parade with our QR code or in the Commons. Please join us for this fun day of celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community!
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - June 18: Cream of the Crop trip to Whistle Stop Café, Glendale, 11:00 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, 7:00 PM



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