



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER THAT TUMBLES WALLS OF FEAR

Prelude

William Boyce

Adagio

Call to Worship – from Colossians 1

Amber Burke (8:45)
Zivan Holloway (11:15)

We proclaim the good news of Christ;
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
All things have been created through him and for him.
Christ himself is before all things; and in him all things hold together.
Christ is the head of the body, the church.
Through Christ, God reconciles everything by making peace.

Hymn of Praise (357) †

MARION

O Praise the Gracious Power

Prayer of Praise †

Amber Burke (8:45)
Zivan Holloway (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.

O PRAISE THE TIDE OF GRACE THAT LAPS AT EVERY SHORE

A Lesson from the Prophets

Amos 8:4-7 (Pew Bible page 841– OT)

Joseph Parr

Song of Confession

Richard DeLong

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many-a conflict many-a doubt,
fightings and fears, within, without, O Lamb of God I come, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has
broken every barrier down, now to be thine, yea thine alone, O lamb of God I come, I come. Just as I am,
of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here a season, then above, O Lamb of
God, I come, I come.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

O PRAISE PERSISTENT TRUTH THAT OPENS FISTED MINDS

Hymn †

ST. AGNES

Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House

*Lord, who may dwell within your house or on your holy hill?
Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still;*

*Who have no guile upon their tongues nor harm their neighbor's life,
but honor those who fear the Lord and turn away from strife;*

*Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or gain.
All those who do such things shall live and safe from harm remain.*

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 15:1-5 (Pew Bible page 485 – OT)

Chris Caldwell

Sermon

Insightful Critics of the Faith, and Bill Maher: Part 1, Dr. King and White Liberalism

O PRAISE THEIR SOURCE, PRAISE CHRIST THE CRUCIFIED

Hymn of Response (484) †

ANGEL'S STORY

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Randy Biery (8:45)
Scott Gunter (11:15)

Offertory

Improvisation on Balm in Gilead

Joseph Martin

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

John James

Trumpet Voluntary

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, *O Praise the Gracious Power*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Special thanks to Sharon Sanders and Joseph Parr for their leadership in worship this morning.

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

- **Sanctuary Choir Trip** — Singers from Highland's Sanctuary Choir have joined forces with singers from Second Presbyterian Church and the *Louisville Master Chorale* to create *Coro Louisville*. This newly formed choir have begun their residency in London, England singing in the Royal Chapel of St. George's, Windsor, and Winchester Cathedral directed by John Dickson and Paul Henderson. We ask for your prayers as we share our love of ancient and modern sacred music with others in the UK!
- **Deacon Nominees**—Beginning today, we have the opportunity in worship to hear from those who have been nominated to serve as deacons this coming year as they share their faith stories. In addition, we will learn more about them each week in the newsletter. **Those nominated to serve are: Randy Biery, Diane Brewer, Mary Cooksey, Scott Gunter, David Hartley, Becca Jagers, Larry Marcum, Vicki Runnion, Becky Smith, and Tyler Swim.** We are excited about the gifts each of these individuals bring and are grateful for their willingness to serve in this capacity. We will vote on these folks on August 17 by paper ballot.
- **Thank You! Nine deacons are completing their terms of service this year: Kathy Belcher, Amber Burke, Phil Collier, Robert Davis, Roz Heinz, Doris Hornbuckle, Robin Ramsay Lee, Karen Park, and Chet Watson.** Please stop by to sign a note of thanks to them in the Commons as you leave worship today.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - August 3: Justin Sizemore's Last Sunday with Highland
 - August 10: Gather 'Round
 - August 13: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume and Cloud of Witness
 - August 17: Ballot vote for Deacon Nominees



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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

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OFFICE MANAGER

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INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Megan Fuller
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

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Walter McWhorter
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Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Margaret Pennington
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS