



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 10, 2025**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

# GATHER US IN, ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER

Prelude

TRADITIONAL IRISH, arr. Soon Hee Newbold

*Prelude on SLANE*

Call to Worship

Greg Aguillon (8:45)

Alan Spade (11:15)

Siblings, we gather before the God who said to Abram, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield."

***We confess that fear often grips our hearts, but we choose to trust in God's loving care.***

Let us worship the God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

***We offer ourselves to God, trusting that the Lord will walk with us through any darkness and into the Divine light.***

Hymn of Praise †

GATHER US IN

*Here in This Place*



1. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness van-ished a - way;
2. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the bread of new birth.
3. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en, light years a - way:



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings brought here to you in the light of this  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the  
here in this place the new light is shin-ing; now is the king-dom, and now is the



day.\_\_\_\_ Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;  
earth.\_\_\_\_ Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
day.\_\_\_\_ Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.\_\_\_\_  
nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.\_\_\_\_  
gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er, fire\_\_\_\_ of love in our flesh and our bone.\_\_\_\_

Prayer of Praise †

Greg Aguillon (8:45)

Alan Spade (11:15)

Recognition of Kindergarteners

Renee Purtlebaugh

Glory to the Creator †

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***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.***

# GIVE US A HEART SO MEEK AND SO LOWLY

The Hebrew Lesson

Jim England

Genesis 15:1-6 (Pew Bible page 11 – OT)

Music for Meditation

James Horner, arr. John Moss

*The Ludlows*  
Highland Strings

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Hymn (425) †

FOUNDATION

*How Firm a Foundation*

## TEACH US TO FASHION LIVES THAT ARE HOLY

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Pew Bible page 220 – NT)

Chris Caldwell

Sermon

*Insightful Critics of the Faith, and Bill Maher  
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

## CALLED TO BE LIGHT TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE

Hymn of Response (48) †

FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Vicki Runnion (8:45)  
David Hartley (11:15)

Offertory

David Hurd, arr. Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus*

Recognition of Sixth Graders

John Gulden and Renee Purtlebaugh

News for the Community

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.***

Blessing for the New School Year †

Chris Caldwell

May you have the courage to be kind,  
***to see the image of God in others, and treat them with compassion.***  
And may you receive kindness wherever you go,  
***because you are a beloved child of God. Amen.***

Postlude

Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on FAITHFULNESS*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Here in This Place*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor of Jim and Mary Helen England's 56th wedding anniversary by their family.

Our gratitude to the Highland Strings for their musical leadership today.

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

- **Deacon Nominees**—Continuing today, we have the opportunity during 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 next Sunday, August 17.
- **Join us for Gather Round today!** After the 11:15 AM worship service, we gather outside for a time of food and fellowship. The playground is open for families, and you can find a cozy spot to sit anywhere out front. If you are a guest with us today, we do have some extra lunches and would love to have you join!
- **Wednesday night activities resume this week** — It's that wonderful time of year! Wednesday night activities resume on August 13. If you'd like to make a dinner reservation for one night or for the entire year, send an email to Kathleen Gordon at [kathleen@hbclouisville.org](mailto:kathleen@hbclouisville.org) and let her know. Also consider if you might volunteer for dessert making, food prep and setup, or dish drying. Contact Kathy Belcher at [klbelcher53@gmail.com](mailto:klbelcher53@gmail.com)
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - August 11: SOS Mission Event, 10:00 AM - Noon
  - August 13: Cream of the Crop Picnic Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall
  - Wednesday Evening Activities Resume & Cloud of Witness: Paige Harlow, Bruce Maples, Larry Marcum
  - August 17: Ballot vote for Deacon Nominees



### 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**  
CUSTODIANS

**Chris Caldwell**  
INTERIM PASTOR

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Jim England**  
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**Megan Fuller**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND  
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

**Kathleen Gordon**  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Paul Henderson**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC  
AND WORSHIP

**Robin Ramsay Lee**  
DEACON CHAIR

**Walter McWhorter**  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Joseph Parr**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Margaret Pennington**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES