



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 24, 2025**

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

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING  
MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE

Prelude

Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on RICHMOND*

Call to Worship

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)  
Sam Johnson (11:15)

Let us join together for worship,  
***Let us meditate on God's love for all,***  
Let us join together for worship,  
***Let us hear the sacred call to love everyone.***

Hymn of Praise (332) †

AZMON

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Praise †

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)  
Sam Johnson (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.***

HE BREAKS THE POWER OF CANCELLED SIN,  
HE SETS THE PRISONER FREE

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 103:1-8 (Pew Bible pages 542-543 – OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

***We confess, O God, that often we do too much, get distracted, and miss the important moments.  
We are tired and fail to honor our need for rest and your gift of 'sabbath.' We find these times  
exhausting with temptations nibbling at our minds. We confess that we're not as hopeful as we  
need to be. We confess that we do not trust your strength when we feel powerless. We seek your  
forgiveness, your rest, your hope. Amen.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

By the grace of God we are forgiven. By the grace of God we can rest.  
By the grace of God there is strength and hope beyond our own.  
***Thanks be to God.***

Exchange of Peace †

HE SPEAKS, AND LISTENING TO HIS VOICE,  
NEW LIFE THE DEAD RECEIVE

Hymn (544) †

RESIGNATION

*When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart*

Choral Anthem

arr. Malcolm Archer

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn. The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind. So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

The Gospel Lesson †

Chris Caldwell

Luke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible pages 74-75 – NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*Healing vs. Power*

**TO GOD ALL GLORY, PRAISE, AND LOVE BE EVER, EVER GIVEN**

Hymn of Response (649) †

IN BABILONE

*Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

Call to Justice and Offertory Prayer

Nancy Goodhue (8:45)  
Carolyn King (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on RESIGNATION*

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Alice Jordan

*Canticle of Praise on AZMON*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, 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

- **Wednesday Night Activities Continue** — Wednesday night activities have resumed for all ages! Chris Caldwell continues a four-part series this week on the parables of Jesus. We study the parables using a literary and sociological lens. Come prepared to discuss and to use your imagination! If you'd like to make a dinner reservation for one night or for the entire year, email 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) to volunteer.
- **Pastor Search Committee Update** — Our committee is still accepting applications. Preliminary conversations are being planned with some candidates in the next few weeks. We are pleased with the quality of applications thus far and are grateful for the prayers of the church throughout this process. ~ *Kathey Golightly Sanders, chair*
- **Volunteers Needed for Louisville Pride Booth** — Join *True Colors*, Highland's LGBTQ+ ministry group, as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community at this year's Louisville Pride Festival on Saturday, September 6. Highland's booth will be open from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. We're looking for friendly, welcoming volunteers to help staff Highland's booth throughout the day. You can use the QR code above to sign up. Can't volunteer? No problem—come by, say hello, and show your support!
- **Looking Ahead:**

Today: Deacon Ordination Service, 6:00 PM  
September 6: Highland Booth at Louisville Pride Festival, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
September 7: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM  
Oct 10-12: Fall Women's Retreat (unstructured) - for information, contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



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