



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

I WILL PRAISE YOU ALL MY DAYS

Prelude

arr. Robert Powell

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Call to Worship

Jim Shelton (8:45)
Karen Park (11:15)

We meditate on your promises from morning into night.

Our delight is in your law.

Let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

So that, like a tree planted by streams of water, we might find the beauty all around.

Hymn of Praise (341) †

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For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Praise †

Jim Shelton (8:45)
Karen Park (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.***

SEARCH ME, TEST MY INMOST BEING

The Morning Psalm

Howard Helvey

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (from Psalm 139)
Jane Halliday, violin

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where-o'er I rest, where-e'er I go; Thou knowest all that I have planned, And all my ways are in thy hand. My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy power on every side; O wondrous knowledge, awful might, Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height! Where can I go apart from thee, Or whither from thy presence flee? In Heaven? It is thy dwelling fair; In death's abode? Lo, thou art there. If I the wings of morning take, And far away my dwelling make, The hand that leadeth me is thine, And my support thy power divine. If deepest darkness cover me, The darkness hideth not from thee; To thee both night and day are bright, The darkness shineth as the light.

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, you know each one of us so well. You go behind us and before us, in all times and in all places. How you do this is Divine mystery, and it is beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Somewhere in this gap of understanding, we become prone to “othering” those who don’t fit into the many boxes and standards humans create. Forgive us when we forget to love like you do. Remind us—remind me—that not only am I fearfully and wonderfully made by You, but everyone else around me is too. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn (75) †

GREENCASTLE

If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

SEND A LIGHT AMID THE DARKNESS

The Epistle Lesson

Chris Caldwell

Philemon 1:10-16 (Pew Bible page 212– NT)

Sermon

A Prisoner of Christ?

*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.

LEAD ME ON TO LIFE ETERNAL

Hymn of Response †

HYFRYDOL

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, makes us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

Faithful Giving Story and Offertory Prayer

Vicki Runnion

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Chris Caldwell

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.*

News for the Community

Paul Henderson

*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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on HYFRYDOL

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *If I Fly as Birds at Dawning*, 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.

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 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 continue for all ages! Chris Caldwell is leading a four-part series 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 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 to volunteer.
- **Quarterly Church Conference Today** — We will have our online Quarterly Church Conference today at 4:00 PM via Zoom. In addition to our usual reports, we will elect officers, hear updates about our HVAC system and the Sacred Space renovation project, Ministry Budget and Sacred Space Finances, Strategic Planning, and an update from the Pastor Search Committee. We sent out an email with the Zoom link earlier this week. If you did not receive this, please check with a church staff member.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Today: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM
 - September 17: Parent Chat with Children's Families, 6:00 PM
 - September 30: Cream of the Crop Lunch at the Brown Barrel, Midway, 12:00 Noon
 - 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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
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