



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Prelude

Naji Hakim

Chorale Prelude on Am Wasserflusen Babylon (By the Waters of Babylon)

Call to Worship

Greg Clark

Hear us, Lord, as we raise our voices;

for You are our refuge!

Remember those who are vulnerable and exposed, those who are victims of natural disaster, war, and persecution. Bring them to safety;

for You are our refuge!

Give shelter to those seeking a hiding place, to those torn from their homes. Bring them to safety;

for You are our refuge!

You look with mercy and love on all refugees. Help us to welcome the stranger and befriend the lonely.

Allow your Spirit to move in us to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Let us rejoice and give praise;

for You are our refuge!

For Everyone Born

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain:

*and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table, and all those between, beyond, and besides,
expanding our world, dismantling power, each valued for what their voice can provide.
Repeat refrain.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,
Repeat refrain.*

Prayer of Praise †

Greg Clark

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.*

Choral Anthem

Paul D. Weber

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Alison Schureck, soprano—Sarah Hill, violin

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in him through all thy ways. He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that none can move. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

The Hebrew Lesson

Roy Fuller

Leviticus 19:33-34 (Pew Bible page 106 – OT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Reflection

Why CBF?

IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE

Prayer of Confession

Chris Caldwell

*Ever merciful God, You said, "Let us make humankind in our own image." Forgive us, we pray,
for the times we have only recognized your image in those who look, think, and act like us.
You said, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained
angels without knowing it." You said, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Forgive us, we pray, for the times
we have hated, brooded, divided, hurried, been cruel, stingy, disloyal, harsh and self-indulgent...
In your great mercy, forgive us, we pray. Through your Holy Spirit, transform us into bearers
of hope and healing here and now on earth—as it is in heaven.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Reflection

Denee Walsh (8:45)
Angela Dennison (11:15)

The Local Connection: Annette Ellard

Hymn (273) †

MCKEE

In Christ There Is No East or West

HE'LL GIVE THEE STRENGTH WHATEVER BETIDE THEE

Exchange of Peace †

Chris Caldwell

The Gospel Lesson

Robert Davis

Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible page 169 – NT)

Reflection

The Global Connection: The Podgaiskys (Ukraine)

AND BEAR THEE THROUGH THE EVIL DAYS

Hymn of Response †

NOÉL NOUVELET

Build a Longer Table

*Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

*Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will break the jail walls, freeing all inside.*

*Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

*When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

Offertory Prayer †

Robert Davis

Offertory

Naji Hakim

Chorale Prelude on Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness)

Gratitude for Bob Cunningham and Jim England

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.***

Benediction and Choral Lord's Prayer †

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on ST. PETER

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's anthem, *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

The two Chorale-Preludes played today are by Naji Hakim (b. 1955). Hakim was born and raised in Lebanon but due to the Lebanese Civil War, he immigrated to Paris at the age of 16 where he studied organ with Jean Langlais. His music combines both Lebanese and French idioms to create a truly unique sound world.

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 11:15 service.

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

- **Pledging Continues**—If you haven't yet made your pledge for Highland's mission and ministries in 2026, please consider doing so. Make your pledge online using the QR code or pick up a copy of the pledge card in the Commons. Thank you for your investment in Highland's future!
- **Global Mission Offering**—October is the month for the Global Mission Offering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Highland's primary denominational affiliation. Highland's goal for the offering this year is \$7,500. This offering provides support to field personnel in both the US and around the globe as they foster true partnerships between CBF and local, national and international bodies of like-minded believers. You may contribute to the Offering for Global Missions by using the QR code, using an offering envelope found in the pews (identifying your contribution as going for Global Missions) or via the Highland website.
- **Considering Matthew Shepard**—Members of Highland's Sanctuary Choir have joined with Voices of Kentuckiana to present *Considering Matthew Shepard* at Actors Theatre. The final performance will be this afternoon at 3:00 PM. The entire three-part oratorio is a powerful and compassionate response to the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student from Wyoming in the fall of 1998. Recommended for teens and above. You may use the QR code above to purchase tickets.
- **Opportunity for Service**—Did you know Highland has nearly 20 volunteers who make sure the walls in the Fellowship Hall are set up and taken down each Sunday for our adult Bible study classes? We currently need five volunteers to fill once-a-month slots, and five who could help once per quarter (on fifth Sundays). You are invited to join this great group of people whose efforts make it possible for our classes to meet! The commitment to our wall crew only requires one hour each month (or one hour quarterly) and we will gladly provide "on-the-job" training. Contact Cheryl Davis at (502) 451-3735 or cheryl@hbclouisville.org for more information.



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*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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AND THEIR FAMILIES