



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 2025
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS, FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Call to Worship (from Psalm 84:1-4)

Scott Gunter (8:45)
Paige Harlow (11:15)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Processional Hymn (310) †

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Praise †

Scott Gunter (8:45)
Paige Harlow (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.

Choral Praise

Handel/Hopson

Shout the Glad Tidings

Shout the glad tidings, O sing to the Lord; For God hath done marvelous, marvelous things. Mighty are your works,
wonderful your deeds; your power and love forever are sure. The Lord is King of all. You rule in might. Sing for joy;
your power and love forever are sure. Trumpets sound forth; sound forth your praise, for our victory is won. Sing,
O Israel sing. The Lord is faithful; let all give praise. The roar of the sea, all creatures therein. Sound forth your joy.
God is the Lord, King over all. See your marvelous works; See your wonderful deeds. Your power and love forever
are sure.

THOU ART GIVING AND FORGIVING, EVER BLESSING, EVER BLEST

Prayer of Confession from the Hebrew Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Jeremiah 14:19-22 (CEB)

***We acknowledge our sin, Lord, the wrongdoing of our ancestors, because we have sinned
against you. For your name's sake, don't reject us, don't scorn your glorious throne.***

***Remember your covenant with us; don't break it. Can any of the false gods of the nations
make it rain? Can the sky by itself bring showers? Aren't you the Lord, our God?***

You are our hope, since only you can do such things.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (41) †

WELLESLEY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15).

MORTALS, JOIN THE MIGHTY CHORUS WHICH THE MORNING STARS BEGUN

The Gospel Lesson †

Chris Caldwell

Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible pages 79-80 – NT)

Sermon

How to Ask Forgiveness

TEACH US HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER, LIFT US TO THE JOY DIVINE

Hymn of Response (694) †

MORNING SONG

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Linda Campbell (8:45)
Diane Brewer (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on CORVEDALE

News for the Community

John Kubar

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

J. S. Bach

Toccata in D Minor

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

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 processional hymn, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, 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 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

- **Global Mission Offering**—October is the month for the Global Mission Offering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Highland's goal for the offering this year is \$7,500 and we have collected \$4,500 so far. 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 Mission by using the QR code, using an offering envelope found in the pews (identifying your contribution as going for Global Mission) or via the Highland website.
- **An Invitation from the Anti-Racism Team**—You are invited to hear Dr. Mario Ransan speak about the Louisville Solidarity Project, a grassroots coalition of schools and nonprofits whose mission is to address food insecurity among immigrants and others in Louisville and beyond. Dr. Ransan teaches social studies at Southern High School and is an active member of Central Presbyterian Church. Find out how you can help on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM in the Commons.
- **Highlights Class Coming Soon**—If you are new to Highland, whether as a new member or visitor, please join us on Sunday, November 9 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief overview of Highland provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants.



We will hear from one another what brings us to this wonderful and unique community of faith, and we will learn a bit more about what it means to be a progressive Baptist. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership at Highland. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org as soon as possible. Childcare will be available with a reservation.

- **Looking Ahead:**

November 9: Highlights Lunch & Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM
November 12: Budget presentation at 6:15 PM



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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ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES