



THE WORK OF
IMAGINATION

Rooted Resistance

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

REIMAGINING: OUR LOGO FROM LENT TO EASTER

The dove is not passive . . . it moves with power.
Peace is not submission . . . peace liberates, creates, and reshapes.
The crown represents domination . . . empire, hierarchy, control.
Breaking the crown is holy work . . . defiance can be faithful.
This is the work of imagination . . . to break what binds and to build what frees.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

A TIME OF CONTRITION

Prelude

J. S. Bash

O Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

Call to Worship

Paul Henderson

Come into God's presence,
you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

Come into God's presence,
you who live in this wide and wild world,
navigating beauty and uncertainty, temptation and trial.

In Christ, we gather as children of God.

Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

Let us worship together!

Choral Anthem

Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the Light.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
at the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand.
Take my hand, and lead me home.

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 32:8-11 (Pew Bible page 496 – OT)

Hymn (694) †

MORNING SONG

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Prayer of Confession

John Kupar

We forget to hope. We neglect to dream.

We imagine paths of doom instead of journeys to glory.

We panic, even as your Spirit holds steady within and around us.

Help us to trust, to hope, to dream, and to walk forward in faith.

And when the fears set in, help us to find support in the strength of community.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

John Kupar

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (332) †

AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer of Praise †

Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Isaiah Cooksey (11:15)

Choral Anthem

Rosephanye Powell

Non Nobis, Domine

Non Nobis, Domine, non nobis Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
sed nomini tuo da gloriam. but to your name be the glory.

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Chris Caldwell

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 3 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

The Constricting Power of Sin

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (169) †

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Offertory Prayer †

Crew Ross Azevedo (8:45)
Mary Cooksey (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Forty Days and Forty Nights

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 †

WONDROUS LOVE

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

Benediction †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Toccata Terza

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

Today in Worship

One way Highland celebrates Black History Month is by hearing the voices of black musicians in our worship:

- Rosephanye Powell grew up in Alabama participating in sports and marching band. After high school, she focused on music alone. Powell received degrees from Westminster Choir College and Florida State University. Her compositions are characterized by strong rhythmic emphasis, harmonies often derived from African-American popular styles, and varied vocal textures. Powell is currently Professor of Voice at Auburn University.
- Thomas Andrew Dorsey grew up in rural Georgia where music was an integral part of his family. Later, he moved to Chicago and became popular for his brand of blues. After attending a life-changing church service, Dorsey decided to devote his life to gospel music. His hymn we sing today, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, resulted from the loss of his wife and young son in 1932. Dorsey continued to play gospel music until his passing. He was the music director of the Pilgrim Baptist church in Chicago for 50 years.

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

- **The Pastor Search Committee is eager for all of Highland's members to meet and talk with Rev. Dr. Carol Harston.** Here is the schedule of meetings for this coming week.

- ◆ Monday, 2/23 at 6:30 PM – Deacons
- ◆ Tuesday, 2/24 at 5:30 PM – Ministry Council
- ◆ Thursday, 2/26 at 6:00 PM – True Colors, Anti-Racism Team, Global Partnerships, and Missions & Justice
- ◆ Friday, 2/27 at 5:30 PM – Virtual meeting, particularly for our homebound members. Stay tuned for instructions on how to participate in this meeting.
- ◆ Friday, 2/27 at 7:00 PM – Friday Church
- ◆ Saturday, 2/28 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, 1:00 – 3:00 PM – All church, Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Sunday, 3/1, 8:45 and 11:15 AM Worship Services



- **Looking Ahead:**

Tonight: Highland's Got Talent, 6:00 PM, HCM campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge
February 26-28: Baptist Build with Habitat for Humanity– contact Larry Hoover
February 26-March 1: Call Weekend to meet Senior Pastor Candidate Carol Harston
March 6-8: Spring Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569
Saturday, March 21: Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall



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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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