



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 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

Paul Henderson

A TIME OF CONTRITION

Prelude

arr. Sandra Eithun

Down in the River to Pray
Children's Handbells

Call to Worship

Paul Henderson

In the wilderness, we cry out to our God.
In the wilderness, our souls wait.
In the wilderness, we hope in God's word.
In the wilderness, we know God's steadfast love.
And so, in the wilderness,
we worship together.

Hymn (471) †

RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

A Lesson from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 130 (Pew Bible page 562 – OT)

Choral Prayer of Confession

Text: Psalm 51
Carl Mueller

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Words of Assurance

John Kupar

Exchange of Peace †

John Kupar

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Baptism of Dawn Howard and Claire Dickey (11:15) †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Call to the Water
Statements of Faith
Baptism in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Baptism Response †

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.***

Hymn (566) †

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Praise †

Noelle Tennis Gulden (8:45)
Elizabeth Howell (11:15)

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Hebrew Lesson

Chris Caldwell

Ezekiel 37:1-8 (Pew Bible page 791 – OT)

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

Sermon

Dry Bones, New Life

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (293) †

ASHLEY

O for a Faith, a Living Faith

Offertory Prayer †

John Gulden (8:45)
Scott Schafflein (11:15)

Offertory

Herbert Howells

Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 1, Psalm 130:1

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

Joseph Parr

Improvisation ON RESTORATION

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

Today in Worship

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

- **Join us for Palm Sunday, March 29:** We will welcome Carol Harston as our new pastor! This service of worship celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry and begins with a traditional palm processional led by the children of Highland. The Carol and Chorister Choirs will sing *Hosanna! Hosanna!* and *A Lenten Love Song*. The people of Highland will lift their voices in praise to begin Holy Week and our Sanctuary Choir will sing *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*.
- **Easter Lily Sign-Up:** You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a family member, a friend, a loved one, or a group of people. You may order flowers by scanning the QR code on this page and follow where directed. You may also order lilies by using the link in the newsletter or by calling the church office at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering lilies is Monday, March 30.**
- **Join us for Easter Breakfast on April 5 at 10:00 AM** as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter Morning. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall so that rain or shine, we have a plan in place. You are welcome to eat downstairs or take breakfast outside if the weather is nice! Please scan the QR code and sign up to bring breakfast items to share with our faith community or use the link included in the newsletter.
- **We invite you to bring fresh flowers to adorn our Easter cross** outside in front of the sanctuary. **Children will enjoy an Easter egg hunt on the lawn at 10:15 AM.**
- **Looking Ahead:**



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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