



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

John Kupar

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

Prelude

arr. Douglas Smith

Prelude on ELLACOMBE

Highland Brass

The Easter Gospel

Steve Brown and Renee Purtlebaugh

Mark 16:1-7 (Pew Bible page 53 – NT)

Congregational Response

The Lord is Risen!

He is risen indeed! (three-fold)

Processional Hymn (194) †

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Henderson (8:45)
Andrew Schaftlein (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.

A Reading from Acts

Paul Henderson

Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible pages 126-127 – NT)

LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE, ALLELUIA!

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

God of resurrection power, we confess we have sinned against you. We have lived in the sad melancholy of sinfulness despite the transformative power you showed us in Jesus. Forgive our unbelief and inspire us to imagine life in the glow of resurrection today. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (222) †

MACCABEUS

Thine Is the Glory

Easter Praise

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Sacred Harp
arr. Dan Forrest

I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah! Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah! He lives to bless me with his love; Glory, hallelujah! He loves to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah! He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah! He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory hallelujah!

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

CHRIST HAS OPENED PARADISE, ALLELUIA!

The Gospel Lesson †

John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible pages 112-113 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Easter People Say “Hallelujah”

SING, YE HEAVENS, AND EARTH REPLY, ALLELUIA!

Hymn of Response (214) †

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Carol Harston

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.

Offertory Prayer †

David Swim (8:45)

Zeke Braun (11:15)

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 †

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

C. M. Widor

Toccata from Symphony V

*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.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Gratitude to Cathy Ryan, Sharon Sanders, and Highland's Brass for their musical leadership in our worship service.

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

- **Highlights Classes Coming Soon:** Interested in learning more about Highland? Join us on May 3, 10, and 17 for Highlights—a time to learn more about our congregation and its ministries while meeting other visitors and new members. We'll gather in the Commons at 10:00 AM each week.



- **Highland at a Glance:**

Sunday Mornings

Worship at 8:45 and 11:15 AM

Bible study at 10:00 AM with groups for all ages and a variety of styles

Wednesday Evenings

Fellowship Dinner at 5:15 PM

Activities at 6:00 PM for children, youth, and adults, including children's choirs, youth group, Cloud of Witnesses, and other adult studies.

Our Life Together

Highland is a community shaped by worship, learning, service, inclusivity, and justice. Across the life of the church, there are opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, music, ministry, and engagement with our community and the wider world.

- **Looking Ahead:**

Wednesday, April 8: No Wednesday evening activities

Sunday, April 26: Children's Sabbath

Sundays, May 3, 10, 17: Highlights classes for visitors and new members during Bible study at 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 10: Youth Sunday



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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
CUSTODIANS

Paige Harlow
DEACON CHAIR

Robert Kahne
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Carol Harston
SENIOR PASTOR

John Kubar
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR
TO YOUTH

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Megan Fuller
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR