



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

OUR DESPAIR HE TURNED TO BLAZING JOY

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Christ lag in Todesbanden

Christ lay in death's strong bonds - traditional German Easter chorale

Call to Worship

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Linda Tomes (11:15)

We call on God all the days of our lives.

God hears our voices and leans in to listen closely.

God's presence surrounds us, and we give thanks.

With gratitude and great love, we seek to serve God with trust and hope.

Come, let us worship God together.

Processional Hymn †

ENGELBERG

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.____ Em- braced by death he broke its
2. We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.____ Re - born we share with him an
3. The Most High's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.____ The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows____ as Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold,____ and our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.____ Al - le - lu - ia!
Ea - ster life____ as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.____ Al - le - lu - ia!
Church of God.____ Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.____ Al - le - lu - ia!
flesh and blood.____ the u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:____ Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Praise †

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Linda Tomes (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 Anthem

Jeremy Bankson

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has
Christ arisen! My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till all from east to west shall wake the dead
in number. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has
Christ arisen! Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river; lover of souls, from ill my passing soul
deliver. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has
Christ arisen.

A NEW CREATION COMES TO LIFE AND GROWS

The Epistle Lesson

Paul Henderson

1 Peter 1:17-23 (Pew Bible page 228 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Enduring God, as we bear witness to the Resurrection, you invite us to be born anew by what we have seen, heard, and come to know. You beckon us to align ourselves with your values, loving one another with the instincts born from your heart. When our thoughts are stagnant or we deem your way of loving irrelevant, forgive us. Call us back into your ways of living with trust and hope. Amen

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (619) †

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

THE SPIRIT'S POWER SHAKES THE CHURCH OF GOD

A Reading from Acts

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (Pew Bible pages 116-117 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Easter Toolbox: Becoming Doers of the Word

REBORN WE SHARE WITH HIM AN EASTER LIFE

Hymn of Response (211) †

BESANÇON

Scatter the Darkness

Offertory Prayer †

Rick Finklea (8:45)
David Hartley (11:15)

Offertory

David Holsinger

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss
Highland Orchestra

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 †

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on VRUECHTEN
This Joyful Eastertide

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *We Know That Christ Is Raised*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our thanks to Highland's orchestra for their musical leadership during worship.

Joseph Parr invites the congregation to his Master's recital on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 PM. It is being held at Auer Hall, 200 S. Eagleson Avenue in Bloomington, Indiana.

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 Begin Soon:** Interested in learning more about Highland? Join us on May 3, 10, and 17 for the Highlights class—a time to learn more about our congregation and its ministries while meeting other visitors and new members. **Please plan to join us for all three sessions, if at all possible.** We'll gather in the Commons, just outside the sanctuary, at 10:00 am each week.
- **Who will serve as deacons beginning this year?** Each year, our congregation nominates members to serve as deacons — not as an administrative board, but as servant leaders who invest themselves in the life and care of our congregation. Deacons serve a three-year term. Our deacon body is intentionally diverse: new members and longtime Highland families, younger voices and seasoned ones. How nominations work: you nominate up to 10 people using the link in the newsletter or paper forms available during worship. The deadline for nominations this year is April 26.
- **Easter Toolboxes, Wednesday April 22 at 6:15 PM:** We proclaim God's good news in worship—how do we live it out in our daily lives? In step with Carol's Eastertide sermons on the spiritual tools that help us practice resurrection faith, we'll ask each other: What's in your Easter Toolbox that lifts your spirits on tough days? What habits help you practice resurrection when you've been knocked down? What people inspire you to open your imagination about what's possible? What verses keep you going when you're tempted to give up?
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, April 22: Easter Toolbox series at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall
 - Sunday, April 26: Children's Sabbath. 11:15 AM
 - Wednesday, April 29: Cloud of Witness with Kim Fritschi, Steve Gowler, and Kim Shippey
 - 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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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.

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