



Highland Baptist Church
fourth Sunday of easter

Children's Sabbath

April 26, 2026

11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

LET US SING LIKE HEAVEN'S ANGELS PRAISING GOD FROM HIGH ABOVE

Processional

SCHULTZ

Oh, Come, Little Children

Gathering Music

*This Little Light of Mine
Just Watch Me
Cherub Choir*

Handbell Prelude

Michael R. Keller

Celebration

Songs of Praise

*It's Springtime
God's Love Is Like a Circle
Carol Choir*

Carol Huffman Dickerson
Gaye C. Bruce

Call to Worship — from Psalm 100

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Praise God with the drum.

Serve the Lord with celebration!

Praise God with the guiro.

Come before God with shouts of joy!

Praise God with the claves.

Know that the Lord is God — God made us; we are the sheep of God's pasture.

The Lord is good. God's faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Let us worship God together!



Hymn of Praise †

Milton and Joanne LeDoux

Overflowing with Your Goodness

Overflowing with Your goodness, Your mercy I see. For Your grace is never ending, it flows over me. Let us sing like heaven's angels, praising God from high above. Overflowing with Your goodness and unending love.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Please stand and sing upon direction:

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:

here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of Praise †

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.

YOUR GRACE IS NEVER ENDING, IT FLOWS OVER ME

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Kindergarten and First Grade Bible Study Class

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. You let me rest in grassy meadows; You lead me to streams of peaceful water. You keep me alive. You guide me on the right paths, and your name is Good. ~ *Psalm 23:1-2*

Even Though I Walk

Fourth and Fifth Grade Bible Study Class

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they make me feel safe. ~ *Psalm 23:4*

Hymn

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;

In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.



Anthem

Suzanne Lord

Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice

Do you know your Shepherd's voice? Are you listening with your heart? Have you stopped to hear Him calling, felt the peace His words impart? As the world shouts its orders, that are easiest to hear, won't you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near? Are you listening to your Shepherd?

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance — *You Fill My Cup*

Second and Third Grade Bible Study Class

You set a table for me right in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup is so full it spills over! ~ *Psalm 23:5*

Exchange of Peace †

OVERFLOWING WITH YOUR GOODNESS, YOUR MERCY I SEE

Are You Listening?

Renee Purtlebaugh

OVERFLOWING WITH YOUR GOODNESS AND UNENDING LOVE

Hymn of Response (66) †

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Offertory Prayer

Handbell Offertory

LOBE DEN HERREN
arr. Bill Ingram

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

News for the Community

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.***

Choral Benediction

Natalie Sleeth

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace; may the Love of God surround you everywhere you may go.

Benediction

Your goodness and faithful love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in Your house, Lord, as long as I live. ~ *Psalm 23:6*

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Morning Reflections



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

Today in Worship

Phrases from the chorister's anthem, *Overflowing with God's Goodness*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

We give thanks for Kathy Collier, our children's choir coordinator, whose passion and vision for children leading in worship brought this service to life.

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. There is no Children's Worship since it's Children's Sabbath.

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 first QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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Thank you for joining us for Children's Sabbath today!

Highland's Children and Family ministry strives to create a sacred space where families with children have opportunities to experience God's love and encounter the stories of Jesus that form and transform, while participating in the creation of a world where love and justice abound. To learn more, find us on Facebook, Instagram, or via our bi-weekly e-newsletter, *Family Ministry Happenings*. Use the QR code to learn more about registering for this summer's camps or to reach out for more information about Bible study classes, children's choirs, and fellowship opportunities.

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 is today.**
- **Quarterly Church Conference:** Join us Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 4:00 PM on Zoom for our Quarterly Church Conference. Topics to be covered include reports from the Sacred Space project, the Finance Ministry Group, the Personnel Ministry Group, and the Congregational Engagement Ministry Group. Check your email on Friday, May 1, for the Zoom link and meeting agenda.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, April 29: Cloud of Witness with Kim Fritschi, Steve Gowler, and Kim Shippey
 - Sunday, May 3: Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM on Zoom
 - Sundays, May 3, 10, 17: Highlights classes for visitors and new members during Bible study at 10:00 AM, Commons
 - Sunday, May 10: Youth Sunday
 - Sunday, May 17: Highland Orchestra Spring Concert—"A Classical Feast" at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary



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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.