



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE

Prelude

Healey Willan

Prelude on NICAEA

Call to Worship

Wendy Thompson (8:45)
Jim England (11:15)

Holy, holy, holy is the God who gathers us.
Merciful and mighty, mystery beyond our naming, love nearer than breath.
In the morning, in the singing, in the stillness,
God meets us with beauty, truth, and grace.
Come, let us worship the Three in One,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, holy, holy, holy, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn (1) †

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Praise †

Wendy Thompson (8:45)
Jim England (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.

The Old Testament Lesson

Paul Henderson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (Pew Bible page 1 – OT)

Choral Anthem

W. A. Mozart

Benedictus sit Deus K117

Benedictus sit Deus Pater unigenitusque Dei Filius Sanctus quoque Spiritus; quia fecit nobiscum misericordia suam.	Blessed be God the Father and the only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit because they have shown us mercy.
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HOLY, HOLY HOLY, MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY

Prayer of Confession

John Kubar

Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that your mystery is wider than our imagination and your love is deeper than our courage. You call us into communion, but we settle for division. You create us for beloved community, but we make room only for those who feel familiar. You show us mercy and might joined together, but we separate compassion from power, gentleness from truth, worship from justice. Forgive us when our praise is too small, our welcome too narrow, our hope too thin. Draw us again into the life of your love, where difference is not a threat, unity is not sameness, and holiness is found wherever grace makes us whole. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

John Kubar

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, PERFECT IN POWER, IN LOVE, AND PURITY

Hymn (281) †

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

A Reading from Acts

Carol Harston

Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible page 33– NT)

Sermon

Before We Drain the Tub, Jesus Has Some Parting Words

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ALL THE SAINTS ADORE THEE

Hymn of Response (15) †

JOYFUL SINGING

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

Offertory Prayer †

Kelvin Thompson (8:45)
Rick Holtmeier (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on BEECHER

News for the Community

Carol Harston

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 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

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

Today in Worship

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

The Old Testament Trinity (on the front cover) is a tempera icon created about 1410 by Andrei Rublev, who is regarded as one of the greatest medieval Russian painters of icons. *The Old Testament Trinity* is perhaps the most revered icon in Russia.

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

- **Immigrant Support Training:** For several years, clients of Kentucky Refugee Ministries have attended English classes held at Highland. Recently, several Highland members have been at the church building when KRM clients are here to keep an eye out for officers of Immigration and Customs Enforcement—known as ICE—and to give support and a level of protection to the clients and to church staff. **We need more volunteers to fill the two-hour shifts on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings.** If you are interested, you will need to participate in a training session being held this evening at 7:00 in the Commons. The training will last about an hour.



- **Highland Hangouts :** We're trying something new this summer: lay-led, informal social gatherings to create connections through play. Like an experiment, we're going to test it as the summer goes on to see what works and what we might try differently next summer. To learn more about hosting a gathering or activity, check your newsletter or Highland's website. Questions? Carol Harston, Paul Henderson, and Troy Burden are working through the details as we get Highland Hangouts up and running. Reach out to any of them with questions and ideas!
- **Senior Adult sponsored trip to Hubers:** Join us on Thursday, June 11 for lunch at Huber's Restaurant at 12:00 noon. The church bus will leave at 11:00 AM. Call or email Paul Henderson (paul@hbclouisville.org) to reserve your spot.

- **Looking Ahead:**

This evening:	Immigrant Support Training, 7:00 PM in the Commons
Saturday, June 6:	Highland Veterans Gathering, Fante's Coffee, 9:00 AM
Thursday, June 11:	Senior Adult trip to Huber's Family Farm and Restaurant, 12:00 PM
Sunday, June 14:	Pride Sunday at Highland, 8:45 and 11:15 AM services
Wednesday, June 17:	Drag Revival at Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, June 20:	Pride Parade and Festival
Wednesday, August 12:	Wednesday night activities resume



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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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