



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!
MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES I SEE**

Prelude

Healey Willan

Chorale Prelude on ROCKINGHAM

Call to Worship—from Psalm 33, *Psalms for Praying*

Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Greg Bunten (11:15)

Rejoice in the Beloved, O you holy ones!

Praise is a grace of the loving.

Praise the Beloved with strings and reeds.

Give praise with dance and leaps; sing a new song, and shout with joyful heart!

For the work of the Creator is truth,

and all creation reflects the faithfulness of the Beloved.

Processional Hymn (334) †

AMSTERDAM

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Prayer of Praise †

Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Greg Bunten (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.

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 4:13-25 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, while you always keep your promises to us, these promises also rely on our faith in them. We are called to deeply believe, even hope against hope, that you will do what you say.

Yet, we allow our age, circumstances, impatience, and even our grief to chip away at our belief in you—transforming it into something shallow, fragile, even distrusting. Forgive us.

Rekindle our belief in your promises, making our faith even stronger than before. Amen.

Words of Assurance

THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

Hymn (48) †

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 9-10 – OT)

John Kubar

Sermon

When the Road Disappears

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD UNTO ME!

Hymn of Response (251) †

LLANFYLLIN

I Will Be Your God

The Celebration of Holy Communion

John Kupar

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.

Choral Anthem

arr. Howard Helvey

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By the pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With the sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Offertory Prayer †

Missy Smith (8:45)
Rob Burke (11:15)

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 †

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 †

John Kupar

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on HYFRYDOL

*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.

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

Today in Worship

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

Our gratitude to Kathy Collier for her musical leadership in today's service.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor of Norma and Keith Pendleton's 50th wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate on June 12.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

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

- **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.
- **The 5th Annual Drag Revival** is a night celebrating diversity, inclusion, and LGBTQIA+ community support through performance and art. The event will raise funds for PRISM Performing Arts and Camp Beacon, organizations that empower LGBTQIA+ folks and promote self-expression. Join us for this family friendly spiritual night of music and joy on June 17 at Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM. Use the QR code above to purchase tickets, which are \$6.89 each.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, June 10: Summer Fun Crawl at Seneca Park (Picnic and Popsicles), 6:00-7:00 PM
 - 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 (sign up using the QR code above)
 - Sunday, July 19: Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM via Zoom
 - 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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