



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
PRIDE SUNDAY
JUNE 14, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

GOD OF MANY FACES, WE OFFER OUR PRAISE

Prelude

Kristina Rizzotto

Prelude on THAXTED

Call to Worship

Rebecka June Allen (8:45)
Troy Burden (11:15)

Come, worship the God who keeps promises and brings life where none seemed possible.

We come to rejoice in God's faithfulness and grace.

Sarah laughed in disbelief, yet God transformed doubt into joy.

Nothing is too wonderful for the Lord.

Let us worship the One who meets us with promise, hope, and steadfast love.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts and joyful praise!

Processional Hymn (45) †

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer of Praise †

Rebecka June Allen (8:45)
Troy Burden (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.*

Baptism of Melissa Gandy (11:15) †

Carol Harston

Call to the Water
Statements of Faith
Baptism in the name *of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

Baptism Response †

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

COME SANCTIFY OUR BODIES ALL FASHIONED BY YOU

Choral Anthem

Karen Marrolli

Until Love Is Spoken

Grant us gentleness in power. Grant us strength to face this hour, to forgive, to offer grace, and nurture peace in every place. Grant us hope when all seems dire. Grant us faith to spark a fire, to fiercely burn, to drown the night, and set the world ablaze with light. And when we meet resistance and our call puts us in danger, grant us patience and persistence to stand up for friend and stranger. Grant us courage to be kind. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here. And when our path of justice leads us to the dreadful fight, grant us vigor, and entrust us with the power to do what's right. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here.

The Epistle Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Romans 5:1-8 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Holy and faithful God,

You are the One who keeps promises, even when we struggle to trust them. Like Sarah, we confess we have laughed in disbelief at the possibilities of your grace. We have doubted that new life can emerge where hope seems lost.

We confess sometimes we have failed to honor the full dignity of all your children. We have forgotten every person bears your image and is worthy of respect, belonging, and care.

Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to the surprising work of your Spirit. Teach us to trust your promises, welcome your presence in one another, and rejoice in the diverse gifts of your people.

In your mercy, renew us and make us instruments of your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

BREATHE WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE US THE WORD

Reflections on Life and Laughter

Genesis 18:1-15 (Pew Bible pages 13-14 – OT)

Abbi Wolfe

Genesis 21:1-7 (Pew Bible page 16 – OT)

David Hartley and Roan Hendrix-Verran

SINGING YOUR GLORY THROUGH ALL OF OUR DAYS

Hymn of Response †

SLANE

God of Many Faces

*God of many faces, we offer our praise, singing your glory through all of our days.
Hear ever growing voices, once fragile, now strong, carrying melodies in expansive new songs.*

*God of many genders, our world reflects you, sunrise and sunset uniting our hues,
woven into a city with jewels of all shades, houses of ruby and walls rowed with jade.*

*God of many names, we invite you to show us the new names that reflect our true souls.
Breathe with your Holy Spirit to give us the Word that will indwell dry bones,
granting new life once heard.*

*God of many bodies, abide within ours, shifting more each day through time and through scars.
Come sanctify our bodes, all fashioned by you, holier everyday, still becoming more true.*

Offertory Prayer †

Nancy Goodhue (8:45)
Lauren Blackwell (11:15)

Offertory

Prelude on SLANE

Phillip Moore (8:45)

Let Us Live in Peace
Voices of Kentuckiana

Andrew Lloyd Webber (11:15)

News for the Community

John Kupar

*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

Kristina Rizzotto

Toccata on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Today in Worship

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

Our gratitude to *Voices of Kentuckiana* for their musical leadership in today's service.

The cover art is entitled *Sarah Laughed* (2018) by artist Yael Harris Resnick.

This Pride Sunday we feature the music of Dr. Kristina Rizzotto, a trans composer, conductor, and organist. Kristina holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Music in Sacred Music and Organ Performance from East Carolina University, and a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Her compositions and performances have appeared on the nationally syndicated radio program *Pipedreams*.

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

- **Highland Hangouts:** We're trying something new this summer: lay-led, informal social gatherings to create connections through play. To learn more about hosting a gathering or activity, check your newsletter or Highland's website. Contact Troy Burden or Paul Henderson with questions and ideas!
- **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:**
 - Tuesday, June 16: Highland Hangout—Kayaking/Canoeing, McNeely Lake, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM (use QR code)
 - Wednesday, June 17: Summer Fun Crawl, Robsion Park Sprayground, 6:00-7:00 PM (Families with Children)
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, June 28: Pickleball, Charlie Vettiner Park, 6:00-8:00 PM (sign up using the QR code)
 - Friday, July 10: SALT on Tap, Noble Funk Brewing, 6:00-8:00 PM (sign up using the QR code)
Indiana Backyard Potluck/Pool Party, 6:00-9:00PM (sign up using the QR code)
 - Sunday, July 19: Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM via Zoom
 - Wednesday, August 12: Wednesday night activities resume



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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.

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