



*Nature's Bounty* by Highland member Lou Ann Iler

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 28, 2026**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

**SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE,  
THE GOD OF ALL CREATION**

Prelude

*Prelude on LAUDA ANIMA*

Clara Gerdes Bartz

Call to Worship

Noelle Tennis Gulden (8:45)  
Marc Dowell (11:15)

Come, give thanks to God whose love sustains us in every season.

***We come to worship with grateful hearts.***

God is faithful, bringing mercy, strength, and hope.

***We come to praise the One who reigns in love.***

***Let us worship God together!***

Hymn (315) †

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Prayer of Praise †

Noelle Tennis Gulden (8:45)  
Marc Dowell (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 GOD OF POWER, THE GOD OF LOVE,  
THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION**

Choral Anthem (Hymn 425)

arr. Tom Trenney

*How Firm a Foundation*

Congregation joins in singing stanzas 1, 4, and 5

CHOIR, stanza 2: "Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

CHOIR, stanza 3: When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a (Pew Bible page 153 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

***Loving and liberating God, we confess that we do not always live according to the truth and love we seek to embody. We know the tension between our intentions and our actions, and we acknowledge the ways we fall short through action, inaction, fear, or silence. We bring our struggles and shortcomings before You, trusting in Your grace and in Your ongoing work of transformation within us. Amen.***

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (545) †

PROMISE

*In the Bulb*

**LET ALL WHO KNOW HIS POWER  
PROCLAIM THE WONDROUS STORY**

The Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14 (Pew Bible page 17 – OT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

*Mystery, Love, and Negative Spaces*

Hymn of Response (634) †

FAITH'S JOURNEY

*We Walk by Faith*

**THUS ALL MY TOILSOME WAY ALONG  
I SING ALOUD HIS PRAISES**

Offertory Prayer †

Vicki Runnion (8:45)  
Kelly Young (11:15)

Offertory

*Trio Sonata No. 5*  
1. Allegro

J. S. Bach

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

*Improvisation on MIT FREUDEN ZART*

Joseph Parr

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our thanks to Highland member Lou Ann Iler for today's cover art.

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! **Sign up for Highland Hangouts below using the QR code.**



- **Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, June 28:	Pickleball, Charlie Vettiner Park, 6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, July 1:	Summer Fun Crawl, Comfy Cow, 6:00-7:00 PM (Families with Children)
Thursday, July 2:	Prickles, Purls, and Porch Talk, Beth Hedges' Home, 4:00-7:00 PM
Sunday, July 5:	Vote on Deacon Nominees at 8:45 and 11:15 services
Friday, July 10:	SALT on Tap, Noble Funk Brewing, 6:00-8:00 PM
	Indiana Backyard Potluck/Pool Party, Carolyn King's Home, 6:00-9:00PM
Sunday, July 12:	Afternoon High Tea, Troy Burden and Mike Mayo's Home, 3:00-5:00 PM
Monday, July 13:	Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners, Fellowship Hall, 6:00-10:00 PM
Wednesday, July 15:	Dungeons and Dragons for Experienced Players, Fellowship Hall, 6:00-10:00 PM
Thursday, July 16:	Capoeira, Baringer Hill Gazebo at Cherokee Park, 6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, July 19:	Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM via Zoom
Wednesday, August 12:	Wednesday night activities resume



## HIGHLAND 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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