



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

IN THIS JOYFUL CELEBRATION, RECALL WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on KINGSFOLD

Call to Worship

Kim Henderson (8:45)

John Dickson (11:15)

Wisdom has been singing.

Teach us how to hear.

Grace has been calling.

Teach us how to answer.

Christ has been inviting.

Teach us how to come.

Come into the gentle presence of Christ. Come and lay your burdens down.

We come to worship, to listen, and to find rest.

Hymn (457) †

REGENT SQUARE

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Henderson (8:45)

John Dickson (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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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.

IN THE TELLING OF THE STORIES, BE OPEN TO GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 145:8-14 (Pew Bible pages 69-570 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

John Kubar

Words of Assurance

Christ meets us in our weariness, lifts the burdens we cannot carry alone, and gives rest for our souls. By the grace of God, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again to the way of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn (697) †

FINLANDIA

This Is My Song

IN THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED HERE, THE GOOD NEWS OF TRUTH IS HEARD

The Gospel Lesson †

Carol Harston

Mathew 11:16-19, 25-30 (Pew Bible pages 11-12 – NT)

Sermon

Liberation for the Weary: Laying Down the Invisible Burdens

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

SENT AS BLESSING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE,
TO GO FORTH IN LOVE AND PEACE

Hymn of Response (577) †

KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

James Chepponis

We Are One in Christ

As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord. We the many who are gathered, are united here as one. In this joyful celebration, recall what God has done. In the word of God proclaimed here, the good news of truth is heard. In the telling of the stories, be open to God's word. In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive. In the cup of love here offered, affirm what we believe. Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace, in our witness to God's kingdom, may charity increase.

Offertory Prayer

Becca Jagers (8:45)
Becky Dickson (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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation ON REGENT SQUARE

*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.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's anthem, *We Are One in Christ*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

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

- **Please note: the newsletter will not be published this week.** The next edition will be sent out on July 14.
- **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:**



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| Today: | Vote on Deacon Nominees at 8:45 and 11:15 services |
| Wednesday, July 8: | Summer Fun Crawl, Tyler Park, 6:00-7:00 PM |
| 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—reservations full! |
| 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 |
| Saturday, July 18: | Highland Veterans Gathering, Commons, 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, July 18: | Golf at Cherokee Park, evening tee times—please sign up by July 10. |
| 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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