



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

SO LET OUR VARIED GIFTS COMBINE TO GLORIFY YOUR NAME

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on FESTAL SONG

Call to Worship

Abbi Wolfe (8:45)

Sally Evans (11:15)

Come, people of God; come and gather in hope.

We come, longing for the rain of grace and the peace of God.

As rain falls and the earth awakens to new life,

God's Word moves among us, renewing and restoring.

We shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.

Let every heart sing that loves the Lord!

Hymn (549) †

FESTAL SONG

Come, We That Love the Lord

Prayer of Praise †

Abbi Wolfe (8:45)

Sally Evans (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.

Choral Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice. The Lord ye know is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his folk he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

BRING FORTH IN US THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS OF PATIENCE, JOY, AND PEACE

The Hebrew Lesson

Paul Henderson

Isaiah 55:10-13 (Pew Bible page 672 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

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.

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

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

Hymn †

RESIGNATION

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

*A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad:
his field, ten thousand human hearts: his seed, the word of God.
And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot.
But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.*

*A Sower walked throughout the land, and every where he trod,
he sowed his life because he was himself the seed of God.
But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky,
They threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.*

*The seed was buried deep in death beneath a blood-red sky,
and deeper still was buried hope for those who watched him die.
But then in Joseph's garden fair, as dawn broke o'er the land,
the Seed from three days' silent sleep, awoke at God's command!*

IN ALL THINGS BY WORD AND DEED WE MAY YOUR LOVE PROCLAIM

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Pew Bible pages 13-14 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Making Room for God's Generosity

SEND US FORTH IN POWER AND FAITH TO LIVE THE WORDS WE SAY

Hymn of Response (286) †

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Joey Eubank (8:45)
Bob Cunningham (11:15)

Offertory

Improvisation on NOEL

Joseph Parr

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 †

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 †

RESIGNATION

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

*O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.
As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,
implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,
until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundred fold.*

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *O God in Whom All Life Begins*, 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

- **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, 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
Friday, July 17:	Indiana Backyard Potluck/Pool Party, Carolyn King's Home, 6:00-9:00PM
Saturday, July 18:	Highland Veterans Gathering, Commons, 9:00 AM
Saturday, July 18:	Golf at Cherokee Park, evening tee times
Sunday, July 19:	Burrito Meal Preparation for HCM and KRM, Kitchen, 12:30-3:30 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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