



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME

Choral Introit

Robert Hobby

Soft Mist Is Rising

Soft mist is rising, new dawn is breaking, gold comes with sunrise to banish the grey; birds greet the morning, singing glad praises, thanking the Lord God who gave us today! Each hour of daylight brings its own beauty, and so our hearts sing, at work and at play; as God's creation echoes his glory, we thank the Lord God who gave us today! When stars are singing, bright in the night sky, our bodies' call to rest we will obey; knowing God loves us, we'll sleep in safety, thanking the Lord God, who gave us today!

Call to Worship

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
David Tucker (11:15)

Before the dawn breaks, God has searched us and known us.

Before a word rises to our lips, God has heard the longing beneath it.

In fields tangled with promise and struggle, God is still at work.

In seasons of waiting and growing, grace is ripening among us.

With gratitude for what has been and hope for what may yet be, let us worship God.

Hymn (566) †

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Praise †

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
David Tucker (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.

GATHER THOU THY PEOPLE IN, FREE FROM SORROW FREE FROM SIN

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (Pew Bible page 566 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

John Kubar

Patient God, you sow goodness generously, yet we are quick to name what belongs and what should be cast away. You know the hidden roots within us, the wounds beneath our anger, the pride beneath our certainty, the hunger beneath our striving. Forgive us when we make your mercy smaller, when we deny others the patience we need ourselves, and when we forget that every heart is still a field in which you are working. Lead us in the everlasting way, until our lives bear the fruit of compassion, humility, and peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

John Kubar

Hymn (75) †

GREENCASTLE

If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

**COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME**

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 13:24-30 (Pew Bible page 14 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Making Peace with God's Generosity

**LORD OF HARVEST GRANT THAT WE,
WHOLESOME GRAIN AND PURE MAY BE**

Hymn of Response (372) †

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Deacon Testimony and Offertory Prayer

Kimbrough Gossett (8:45)
Casey Boggs (11:15)

Offertory

Robert Schumann

6 Fugues on the Name BACH, No. 4

News for the Community

John Kubar

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

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Ora Labora

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Today's offertory features one of Schumann's six fugues on the B-A-C-H motif (Bb, A, C, B). It's among the darker, more austere fugues, with a jagged motive descending a sixth from A to C instead of ascending by a third. Chromaticism increases, leading to Renaissance-style cross-relations between eighth notes and the retrograde of the motif.

In today's postlude, *Ora Labora* by T. Tertius Noble is used as the tune to Jane Borthwick's *Come Labor On*, which references today's passage from Matthew.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

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.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Join us in celebrating "Gather 'Round" as we worship together and kick-off the fall semester on Sunday, August 9!** During worship, we will officially welcome our new Kindergarteners and recognize our 6th graders who have recently joined the youth group. After the 11:15 service, we will enjoy picnic lunches and games on the lawn. Stay tuned for sign up information!



- **Looking Ahead:**

This Afternoon:	Burrito Meal Preparation for HCM and KRM, Kitchen, 12:30-3:30 PM
	Youth Pool Party, 12:30-2:30
	Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM via Zoom
Wednesday, July 22	Youth Trip to Holiday World
Tuesday, August 4:	Caring for Aging Parents Group, 5:00 PM, Commons
Sunday, August 9:	Gather 'Round Sunday
Wednesday, August 12:	Wednesday night activities resume
Sunday, August 30:	Deacon Ordination Service, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary



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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