

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *We, O God, Unite Our Voices*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our gratitude to John Dickson and Sharon Sanders for their musical leadership in today's service.

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 worship service, we will enjoy picnic lunches on the lawn. Meals are \$7.00 each with a family maximum of \$21.00. You may pay online or at the event. Sign up using the QR code. Of course, you are also welcome to bring your lunch!
- **Wednesday night activities resume soon — it’s that wonderful time of year!** Wednesday night activities resume on August 12. If you’d like to make a dinner reservation for one night or standing reservations for the year, please send an email to Leslie Morris at leslie@hbclouisville.org to let her know. Also consider if you might volunteer for dessert making, food preparation and setup, or dish drying. Contact Kathy Belcher at klbelcher53@gmail.com
- **At Discovery Camp and Advocacy Camp this summer**, our children created artwork in response to our camp theme, “I wonder ...” Be sure to visit the art gallery set up in the Commons to explore what they created using paint, clay, coloring and writing utensils, mixed media, and more. The books that inspired our weeks of camp are also available for you to look through. At the conclusion of worship today, children who attended camp are encouraged to take their art home.
- **Looking Ahead:**

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 beginning with dinner at 5:15
Saturday, August 15:	Highland Veterans Group, 10:00 AM in the Commons
Fri/Sat, August 28-29:	Deacon Retreat, General Butler State Park
Sunday, August 30:	Deacon Ordination Service, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary
	Beer and Hymns, 6:00-7:30 PM, Trellis Brewing



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship John Dickson

WE, O GOD, UNITE OUR VOICES, RAISED IN THANKFUL HARMONY

Prelude J. S. Bach
Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Call to Worship Jim Shelton (8:45)
Abby Berrios (11:15)

The crowd is hungry.
And Christ does not turn them away.
The disciples see scarcity.
Christ sees a beginning.
Come, you who have been fed by another’s faithfulness.
Come, you whose hands now carry blessing for the world.
Bring your hunger. Bring your gratitude. Bring what you have.
Christ is among us. There is room. There is enough. Let us worship God.



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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Hymn of Praise (340) †

DIADEM

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Praise †

Jim Shelton (8:45)
Abby Berrios (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 Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 671-672– OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

**DAYS OF CALM AND DAYS OF CONFLICT,
NIGHTS OF DARKNESS PROVE YOUR GRACE**

Choral Anthem

K. Lee Scott

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you. Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings with truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth, both in public and private. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

John Kubar

Compassionate Christ, you look upon a hungry world and refuse to send anyone away. We confess that we do not always share your vision. We see the size of the crowd and count the smallness of our resources. We see need and calculate inconvenience. We receive the bread of generations past but hesitate to become bread for the future. We have called our gifts too small, our influence too limited, our responsibility someone else's. Forgive us. Place the hunger of the world before our eyes. Place the memory of our ancestors within our hearts. Place courage within our hands. Then take what we offer, bless it, break it open, and multiply its goodness until every person has a place in the grass and every person is fed. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn †

We, O God, Unite Our Voices

HYFRYDOL

*We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful harmony.
You, unchanging, safe have brought us through the ever-changing sea.
Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Your grace.
Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Your shining face.*

*Seeing then the task before us, bind our hearts and hands as one.
May our labor be in union, our resolve and Yours be one.
With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far.
In the midst of tempest peril be Your cross our guiding star.*

*Not our choice the wind's direction, unforseseen the calm or gale.
Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is Your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown;
lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.*

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

**FIERCE AND GLEAMING IS YOUR MYSTERY,
DRAWING US TO SHORES UNKNOWN**

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 14:13-21 (Pew Bible pages 15-16 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Where Faith Takes Root: In Our Hands

Hymn of Response (532) †

Hands of Blessing

ELLES DIE

LEAD US ON WITH HOPE AND COURAGE TILL YOUR HARBOR IS OUR HOME

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.

Offertory Prayer

Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Brooke Hasl (11:15)

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 †

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

Gavotte in F

Samuel Wesley

*In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace “He/Him” with “God” or “Love” (one syllable) and “Father” with “Parent,” “Holy,” or “Divine” (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.