

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *We All Are One in Mission*, 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 first 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

- **We will worship at 11:15 AM only next Sunday, September 13** as we welcome a special guest proclaimer into the pulpit—Rev. Dr. Paul Duke, former Pastor of Highland from 1982 to 1986. Bible Study classes will meet at their usual time.
- **Installation Service on Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 PM.** We will gather as the beloved community to celebrate and install Carol Harston as our eighteenth Senior Pastor. All of the living past Senior Pastors of Highland will be in attendance for this momentous occasion: Paul Duke, Phil Christopher, Joe Phelps, and Mary Alice Birdwhistell. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.
- **Faithful Giving Season:** In the coming days, you will receive a 2027 pledge card in the mail that shares information about our commitment season, in which we ask for pledges to help guide the church’s financial planning for the coming year. All are invited to bring their 2027 pledge card to worship on September 20 to offer it. We hope you will begin to prayerfully consider what you can contribute.
- **Looking Ahead:**

Tuesday, September 8:	Senior Adult Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall Caring for Aging Parents Support Group, 5:15 PM, Commons
Wednesday, September 9:	Navigating Highland's Finances with the Finance Ministry Group, 6:00 PM
Saturday, September 12:	Booth at Louisville Pride Festival, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM, sign up using the QR code
Sunday, September 13:	Installation Service for Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Carol Harston, 4:00 PM
Saturday, September 19:	Veterans Group Gathering, 10:00 AM, Gary and Margaret Pennington's Home
Sunday, September 20:	Pledge Sunday
Saturday, September 26:	Trivia Night Fundraiser for Sacred Space, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
October 9-11:	Fall Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship Paul Henderson

LET US BE UNITED AND LET OUR SONG BE HEARD

Prelude Joseph Parr
Improvisation on UNION SEMINARY

Call to Worship - from Psalm 149 Richard Ryan (8:45)
Diane Brewer (11:15)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.
Praise the Lord!



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 (281) †

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Prayer of Praise †

Richard Ryan (8:45)
Diane Brewer (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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.

MEINEKE

WE TOUCH THE LIVES OF OTHERS BY GOD'S SURPRISING GRACE

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:8-14 (Pew Bible page 158 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, to know how to love our neighbor, you command us first to love ourselves.
We waffle between setting the bar so high that reaching it becomes a condition for loving ourselves and setting the bar so low that the love we offer ourselves is flippant and shallow.
When we live in these extremes, we risk approaching our neighbors in the same way.
Forgive us. Teach us that to love is to wake from sleep, to notice how your love for all is bold and boundless, and to love our neighbors – and ourselves – in the same way. Amen.

Renee Purtlebaugh

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn †

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly in thy name, two or three are met to-
2. As dis - ci - ples used to ga - ther, in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to the Cre-
3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sa - cra ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing

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ge - ther, thou art in the midst of them; Al - le -
a - tor, break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le -
giv - ing we may true dis - ci - ples be. Al - le -

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lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

LET US BE A VESSEL FOR GOD'S REDEEMING WORD

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 18:15-20 (Pew Bible pages 19-20 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Repentance and Repair: Communities Perfected by Grace

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

WE PLAN AND WORK TOGETHER THAT ALL MAY KNOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn of Response (269) †

We All Are One in Mission

COMPLAINER

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Carol Harston

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.

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

Faithful Giving Story and Offertory Prayer

Ginny Sims

News for the Community

Paul Henderson

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

Improvisation on BEECHER

Joseph Parr

*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 "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.