

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*, 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.

Special thanks to Gene Strible for creating our World Communion display in the sanctuary today.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- As we announced last week, **Ministry Council will bring an amendment to the bylaws** to our upcoming Quarterly Church Conference (October 18) regarding the number of Ministry Council congregational representatives. The exact language of the proposed amendment is in the newsletter.
- We look forward to **gathering with adults of all ages in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:15 p.m.**, for community prayer, faith formation, and faith expression.
 - October 7: Cloud of Witness with Peggy Holthaus, John Kubar, and Alan Spade
 - October 14: Connecting with Global Mission Partners with Global Mission Team (Mission & Justice)
- Faithful Giving season is still underway**, and we continue to receive pledges today. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or contact Leslie Morris in the church office at (502) 451-3735.
- Highlights Class Begins October 18:** Our next Highlights class begins on Sunday, October 18. Designed for those who are new to Highland, this three-week class is a time to learn more about our congregation and its ministries while meeting other visitors and new members. We’ll gather in the Commons, just outside the sanctuary, at 10:00 AM each week. Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org by Wednesday, October 14.
- Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, October 7: Cloud of Witness facilitated by Bob Cunningham, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
 - October 9-11: Women's Fall Retreat, contact Ginger Miller to sign up - 502-599-6569
 - Sunday, October 11: Worship Care Training, 10:00 AM, Children's Commons
 - Sunday October 18: Highlights Classes Begin, 10:00 AM, Commons
 - Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM, Zoom



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
WORLD COMMUNION DAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship Paul Henderson

WE YOUR SERVANTS, BRING THE WORSHIP
NOT OF VOICE ALONE BUT HEART

Prelude Mary Beth Bennett
Meditation on COE FEN

Call to Worship from Romans 12 David Swim (8:45)
Angela Dennison (11:15)

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil. Hold fast to what is good.
Love one another with mutual affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
Do not lag in zeal. Be ardent in spirit. Serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope. Be patient in affliction. Persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints. Pursue hospitality to strangers.
Come, let us worship the God of Love.



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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
CUSTODIANS

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Megan Fuller
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

Roy Fuller
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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Leslie Morris
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Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Processional Hymn †

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

HOLY MANNA

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread:
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the souls,
use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that Your servants Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know, and live.

Prayer of Praise †

David Swim (8:45)
Angela Dennison (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 Gospel Lesson †

Mark 12:13-17, 28-34 (Pew Bible pages 47-48 – NT)

Paul Henderson

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, you invite us to set a longer table, to offer safe refuge, and to let love be the door wide
open in welcome. Yet sometimes our fear gets the best of us and our willingness to embrace
compassion becomes less of a priority than protecting our own heart and energy. Forgive us when
the limits we invent keep us from seeing and acting from your heart of Love, mercy, compassion,
and welcome. For you delight when we are creators of justice and joy. Through Christ we pray,
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

STIRRING US TO TIRELESS STRIVING YOUR ABUNDANT LIFE TO SHARE

Hymn (658) †

Let Your Heart Be Broken

WYE VALLEY (abridged)

The Gospel Lesson †

John 13:34-35 (Pew Bible page 106 – NT)

Annette Ellard
CBF Field Personnel

Sermon

Relationship and Belonging

CALLED BY WORSHIP TO YOUR SERVICE,
FORTH IN YOUR DEAR NAME WE GO

Hymn of Response †

Build a Longer Table

NOÉL NOUVELET

Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will break the jail walls, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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.

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Denee Walsh (8:45)
Roy Fuller (11:15)

News for the Community

Carol Harston

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, we say 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 HOLY MANNA

Joseph Parr

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