



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 25, 2021 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Savannah Busby, chimer

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

Chorale Prelude on Brother Jame's Air

Searle Wright (1918-2004)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful, verses 1 & 4

ROYAL OAK

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me (Sung by The Choir)*

Anglican Chant: Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874–1946)

¹ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.*

³ *He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

⁴ *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵ *You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

⁶ *Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

William Walker's Southern Harmony
Text, Isaac Watts by Mary Ruth Coffman



My shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; and Yah-weh is your name. In
When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay; one
The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days; O



pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream. You
word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way. Your
may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise! There



bring my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake your ways, and
hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread; my
would I find a set-tled rest while oth-ers go and come, no



lead me for your mer-cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
more a stran-ger or a guest; but like a child at home.

*GOSPEL LESSON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lesson

John 10:11-18

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN 191

Jesus Loves Me, verse 1

JESUS LOVES ME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

*THE PEACE

RECOGNITION OF ATRIUM CATECHISTS

Leigh Delashaw
Kirk Forrester
Geoff Green
Nancy Harris

Kristin Harper
Reggie Holder
Mary Long
Valerie Nash

Donna Sibley
April Sides
Lauri Soong
Cinda York

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM

None Other Lamb

The Choir

*None other Lamb, none other name, none other hope in heav'n or earth or sea, None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee!
My faith burns low, my hope burns low; Only my heart's desire cries out in me. By the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee.
Lord, thou art life, though I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be:
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. Amen.*

Joseph Roff (1910-1993)

Text, Christina G. Rossetti

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

*HYMN 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, verses 1 & 4

HE LEADETH ME

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary. As you exit the Sanctuary, please be respectful of social distancing.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on ST. COLUMBIA

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

(Text, UMH 138- The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

JOIN US FOR VESPERS TONIGHT FROM 4 TO 6 PM AT CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM
501 PARK AVENUE, HOOVER, AL 35226

OFFERING DURING SOCIALLY DISTANCED SERVICES

You may leave a cash or check offering in the offering plates near the Sanctuary exits as you leave the service today. Giving envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks may be made payable to HUMC.

Electronic Giving:

- Text Give to 205-900-3040. A link will be provided for a simple, quick way to give with one click.
- Visit www.highlandsumc.net/giving to give using a debit/credit card or bank account.

Sustainable Giving:

- To set up automatic monthly bank draft, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

For a complete listing of this week's announcements and events, visit www.highlandsumc.net/calendar or see our Friday morning Happening at Highlands emails. To sign up for email announcements, visit www.highlandsumc.net and scroll to the bottom of the page. For questions about email communications from Highlands, contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Seating in the Sanctuary is spaced carefully to maintain social distancing. The pews to be used are identified by a black foam tube on the top of the pew rail. Each pew may contain up to five people who are living together or have been in close contact throughout the pandemic.
- Bulletins will be placed on the pews prior to the start of the service.
- Social distancing and face masks that cover both the mouth and nose are required throughout the building.
- Congregants may enter the Sanctuary through the Prayer Garden or the Greeting Space. Those without limited mobility are encouraged to use the Prayer Garden entrance.
- Greeters will meet congregants at the Sanctuary entrances to take your temperature using a hand-held thermal device. To be admitted, congregants' temperature must be no more than 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- At the close of the service, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary. As you exit the Sanctuary, please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways. If you are sitting on the Magnolia Avenue side of the sanctuary or have limited mobility, you are encouraged to exit through the Greeting Space. Those who are seated on the 11th Avenue side of the sanctuary are encouraged to exit through the Prayer Garden. The front doors may be used to exit the Sanctuary by those who are sitting in the balcony; however, once you exit, the door will lock behind you.
- All restroom facilities will be open. Please do not over-crowd the restrooms.
- The Sanctuary and restrooms will be cleaned thoroughly prior to and after each service.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship COVID protocols, please contact church administrator Dick L'Eplattenier at 205-933-8751 or dick@highlandsumc.net.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Hebrew prophets, Jesus, Paul, and the early church was always a message of welcome and inclusion for all. The image of God's kingdom is of something small and insignificant growing into something larger and of great significance. The oppressed, the alien, and the outcast were all welcomed, included, and cared for. In this sense, our faith is built upon the idea of gracious hospitality. Followers of Jesus are not about walls of exclusion by bridges of grace and acceptance. Ours is a faith of invitation, for all to come to know Jesus as the living Christ who overcomes all brokenness, sin, and even death, offering a way to make all things new. This invitation extends to you. If you desire to explore what this means for you, please speak to a member of the clergy after the service or sometime this week. We welcome the opportunity to visit with you.



Vision Statement

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ; a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.

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