



LENTEN MIDDAY COMMUNION

April 4, 2023

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands. All are welcome!

Order for Holy Communion

PREACHING – THE REVEREND TAMMY JACKSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

**Those who are able, please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.*

PRELUDE

Donald Husted (1918-2013)

Chorale Prelude on **PASSION CHORALE**
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | Text, UMH 286

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER

*HYMN 623

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

PENITENTIA

Verses 1-3

*LENTEN PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Tammy Jackson

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYERS

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following the service.

RIP
MEDICAL
DEBT

MEDICAL DEBT FORGIVENESS

A SPECIAL LENTEN AND EASTER OFFERING
FROM HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



This Lent and Eastertide, Highlands is partnering with RIP Medical Debt, a non-profit organization dedicated to removing the burden of medical debt, using sophisticated data analytics to pinpoint the debt portfolios of those most in need of relief. RIP purchases unpaid and unpayable debt at significantly reduced rates; this debt is forgiven, no strings attached. For every \$1 donated, an average of \$100 in debilitating debt is forgiven. We have set a goal to relieve ONE MILLION DOLLARS of medical debt in the greater Birmingham area by raising \$10,000 through a special Lenten and Easter Offering. We hope you will join us in this worthy cause this season.

**TO DONATE, SCAN THE QR CODE AND COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM
OR USE THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS.**



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS! ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation – rmnetwork.org

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit www.highlandsumc.net for more information.*
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship safety protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.

OFFERING

Cash or Check Giving:

- *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 monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.*

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