



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Donald Jackson (b. 1938), *The Resurrection*, 2002

GLORIA

Richard Proulx

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry.

*(Sung by the Choir) Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the Lord. You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men. _____

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, LESLIE WILLIAMS
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
VERGERS – BRIAN BELLENGER, WILSON NASH

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Hill, Donna Sibley • *Serving as Ushers:* Joe Hughes, Henry Lagman
Serving as Acolytes: Lucy Edmondson, Sedgie Edmondson • *Serving as Lay Reader:* PJ Ellis
Serving as Communion Stewards: Steve Alexander, Susan Crow, Steve Norris

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, Chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Reggie Holder

PRELUDE

Sinfonia in D Major
Op. 18, No. 1, Movement I
The Orchestra

Johann Christian Bach (1756-1791)

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

*HYMN 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Congregation, The Choir, and Orchestra
Verses 1-4

EASTER HYMN
Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*COLLECT FOR EASTER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Most Glorious God, who on this day delivered us by the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and made your whole creation new: grant that we who celebrate with joy His rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness: through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*See facing page*)

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Verse Sung by the Choir

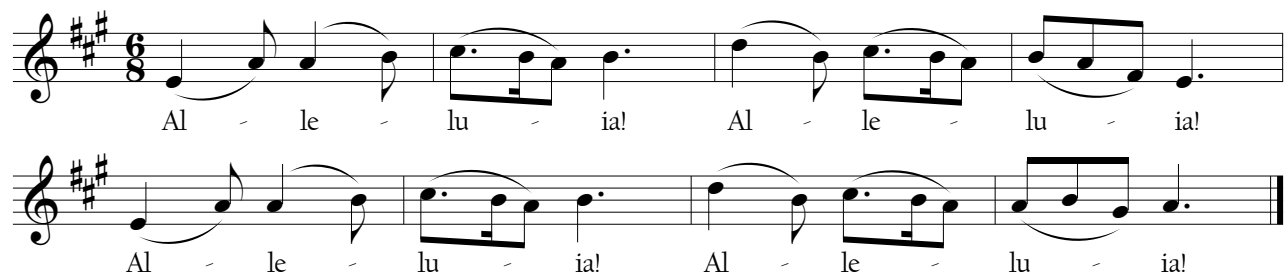
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43
May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)



***GOSPEL LESSON**

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

The Lesson

John 20:1-18

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leslie Williams

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Musical Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The orchestral setting of A Community Mass by Richard Proulx was placed in the music library to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Smith by Rick and Ellen Buckner and Rick and Suzanne Phillips.

***INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION & THE PEACE**

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

Reggie Holder

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Omnipotence

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Op. 79, No. 2

Text, Franz Schubert

*The Choir and The Orchestra
Roderick George, tenor soloist*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord, for Heaven and Earth testify to his great pow'r!

'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, in the torrent's loud thundering roar.

Great is Jehovah the Lord! Mighty is his pow'r!

'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest, seen in the waving of golden fields,

In loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven.

Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, and flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash.

Yet, clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's pow'r, the Lord God Almighty!

Look thou praying to Heaven and hope for grace and for mercy. Great is Jehovah the Lord!

*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.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. _____

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

A - men. A - men. A - men. _____

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
The Choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Congregants are welcome to kneel at the chancel rail for prayer before returning to their seats.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Ave Verum
The Choir and Orchestra

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)
English translation by Norman Greyson

*Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;
cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

TRANSLATION: *Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross thy sacred body, for us with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.*

VOLUNTARY

Allegro con spirito
The Orchestra

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

ANTHEM

Very Bread
The Choir

Randolph Currie (b.1945)
Text, St. Thomas Aquinas from *Lauda Sion*

*Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us; Jesus, with thy love befriend us;
Thou refresh us, thou defend us, thine eternal goodness send us, in the land of life to see:
Thou who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such food bestowest,
Grant us with thy saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love that we may go forth into the world proclaiming resurrection and new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus
from MESSIAH
The Choir and Orchestra

George Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)
Text, Revelation 19:6; 11: 15

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Congregation, The Choir, and Orchestra
Verses 1 & 2

DIADEMATA

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

**The congregation is invited to be seated until the conclusion of the Voluntary.
Those who wish to leave are asked to do so quietly.**

VOLUNTARY

Concerto in D Major
Movement No. 1, RV 121
The Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

THE ORCHESTRA

Levon Margaryan, Violin

Lucina Horner, Violin

Michael Fernandez, Viola

Lauren Peacock, Cello

Lauren Erwin, Bass

Bill Williams, Timpani

Lauri Middaugh, Assisting Organist

RODERICK GEORGE

An active performing artist on the operatic and concert stages, tenor Roderick George has garnered acclaim in performances throughout the United States and in Europe. Dr. George is Professor of Music and head of the voice area at the University of Montevallo. We welcome him as our guest soloist to Highlands!

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jeff, Celia & Broughton Davenport.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Steve and PJ Ellis in honor of June Bryan and Jo Miner.

The lilies on the Paschal candle are given to the glory of God by Tate Forrester in honor of Kirk, Bess, Reed, Mack, and Sam Forrester.

The lilies on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God by Renee Peacock in honor of Richard C. Phillips and The Choir.

The lilies on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God by Renee Peacock and Steve Bair in honor of their grandchildren, Ben and Alice Thistle, and Marion and Roe Jacques.

The lilies on the processional torches are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Hoye.

The lilies on the processional torches are given to the glory of God by Mark Chambers & Joy McPherson.

The arrangement on the front lawn cross is given to the glory of God and in memory of Carol Lee Tate Forrester and in honor of Robert Forrester, Sr. & Jack and Lisa Reed.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Don and Kelley Neal in honor of Mary Elizabeth Neal, Lindsay Dawson, and Polly Dawson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Bill McElwee in memory of Amos Hudson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by John Melton in memory of John & Mary Frances Greene.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by John Melton in memory of Raymond & Eloise Melton.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Phil and Sara Amthor in memory of their grandfathers.

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A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Alison Starnes in honor of Dan and Lucas Starnes.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Tyra Johnson Pirtle in memory of Thomas Neal Johnson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Leslie and Tyler Williams in memory of Rachael Williams.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by The Norris family in memory of Rowe & Carolyn Driver and Jack & Tommie Norris.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Leigh Delashaw in honor of the upcoming wedding of Lauren Delashaw and Alejandro Benavidas.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God in memory of Nan Tontz and Grace Ash, given by Kathi & Roger Ash; Lisa, Franklin & Clark McKinney; and Roxane and Mary Hannah Mackin.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



ALL ARE WELCOME

A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – 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.

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.

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 but 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.

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