



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 13, 2023 • 10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

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.

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYFRYDOL
Text: Thomas Troger



1. Praise the source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and stoked the mind
2. God of wis - dom, we ac - knowl - edge that our sci - ence and our art
3. May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing that our thought
4. As two cur - rents in a ri - ver fight each oth - er's un - der - tow,



With a pas - sion for dis - cern - ing how the world has been de - signed.
and the breadth of hu - man knowl - edge on - ly par - tial truth im - part.
has dis - placed the grounds for won - der which the an - cient pro - phets taught.
till con - ver - ging they de - li - ver one co - her - ent stea - dy flow,



Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the won - ders we sur - vey.
Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a depth we can - not sound
May our learn - ing curb the err - or which un - think - ing faith can breed,
Blend, O God our faith and learn - ing till they carve a sin - gle course,



Keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing and re - new our need to pray.
where your pur - pose for cre - a - tion and the pulse of life are found.
lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror with an an - ti - qua - ted creed.
Till they join as one re - turn - ing praise and thanks to you, their source.

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON • LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS • VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Dinah Hughes, Laura Williams • *Serving as Ushers:* Phil Amthor, Bart Trench

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Largo
from Concerto Grosso in B Minor
Op. 6, No. 12, HWV 330

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
Arranged by Richard Phillips (b.1959)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION
(See facing page)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYFRYDOL
Text: Thomas Troger
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

1. Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.
2. God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.
3. May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.
4. As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow,
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, the source.

*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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

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

***VENITE**

Psalm 95: Come, Sing With Joy to God

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa - vior praise; come
The heights and depths of earth are cra - dled in God's hand; the
en - ter in with shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y
same al - might - y power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship
God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.
God, come kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

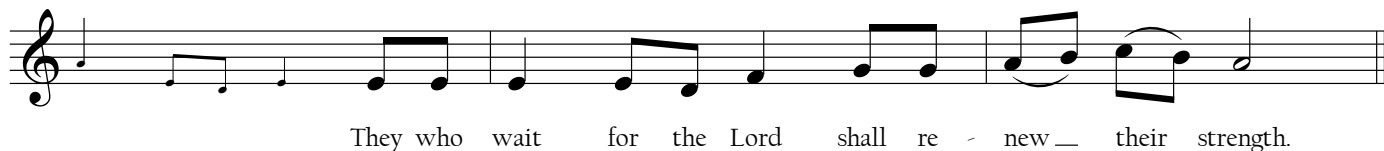
PSALTER

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Response: Don Saliers (b. 1937)

UMH 828

The cantor will sing the response first, followed by all.



They who wait for the Lord shall re - new — their strength.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁶ When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

¹⁷ he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.

²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

²¹ He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,

²² to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

^{45b} Praise the Lord! **R**

*CANTICLE

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White (1938-2019)

Refrain

Sure-ly it is God who saves me: I will trust in him and not be a - fraid, For the
 Lord is my strong-hold and my sure__ de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse 1

There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion, and on that
 day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord, and call up - on his__ name." _____

Verse 2

Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ple: See that they re - mem - ber that his name is ex - al - ted.
 Sing the pra - ises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is__ known in__ all the world.

Verse 3

____ Cry a - loud, in - hab - i - tants of Zi - ion! Ring out your joy! For the
 great one in the midst of__ you is the Ho - ly__ One of__ Is - ra - el. _____ (Repeat Refrain)

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students of all ages are invited to participate. Following the blessing, all children are invited to Sunday School. Parents may pick up children following the service from Room E210. If this is your child's first time at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

*HYMN 620

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Verse 1

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

Reggie Holder

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Living God, you have placed in the hearts of your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them

from MESSIAH

Rachel Satterwhite, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

George Frederick Handel (1685-1659)

Text, Isaiah 52: 7; Romans 10: 15

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CLOSING HYMN (*See facing page*)

Love Lifted Me

Verses 1 and 3

SAFETY

The Cokesbury Worship Hymnal

1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
Far from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

REFRAIN: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

2. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;
He your Savior wants to be – be saved today.

REFRAIN

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOK-OUT.

Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Ver - y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
pres-ence live, Ev - er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true
by His love Out of the an - gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my despairing cry, From the wa-ters lift - ed me, Now safe am I.
Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice, too, To Him be - longs.
Bil-lows His will o - bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to - day.

CHORUS

Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing
e - ven me! e - ven me!

else could help, Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed me.

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Highlands is truly blessed to have such committed people in The Choir to offer their gifts in the worship services, which inspire us and feed our souls each week. During the next few weeks, we are giving these servants a well-deserved break. We will continue to have a small chamber choir or soloist to help lead and provide special music during worship at this time.



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.

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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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