



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2017 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – LAURI SOONG

## ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

*Serving for Altar Guild:* Janet Holt

*Serving as Ushers:* Jason Rocks, Bart Trench

*Serving as Verger:* Wilson Nash

*Serving as Lay Reader:* Denise Williams



### We Welcome Our Guests

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 children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child downstairs in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.

† Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.

† Please pick up a guest welcome bag after worship to learn more about Highlands. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.

† Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Ellis Landers, Chimer*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

**Prelude in E Flat Major**

*Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 89

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

HYMN TO JOY

\*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.*

\*THE PEACE

\*VENITE

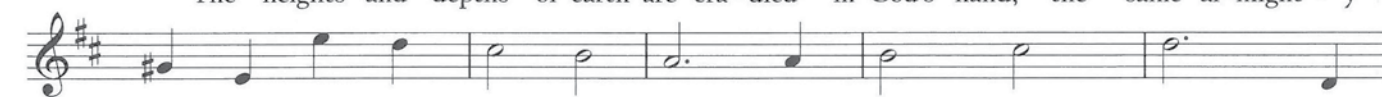
**Psalm 95**

*Musical Setting: DARWALL'S 148TH*

**Come, Sing With Joy to God**



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sav-ior praise; come en - ter in with  
The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might - y



shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y God, You  
power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship God, come



are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.  
kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er - now.



### 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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PSALM 133 (*Sung by the Choir*)

*Anglican Chant: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.

**(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, then sit for the lesson.)**

*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.*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

**If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee**

*The Choir*

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.  
Only be still, and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er  
Thy Father's pleasure and all disconcerting love hath sent;  
we know our inmost wants are known, to Him who chose us for His own.  
Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be, and trust His word;  
Though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in God indeed.*

*Jody Lindth (b. 1944)*

*Text, Georg Neumark*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Deb Welsh

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*God of all the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples of the earth the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Keep This Prayer**

*The Choir*

*Keep this prayer in our hearts and minds, O Lord. Amen.*

*George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

*Text, selected texts from the scriptures*

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**With a Voice of Singing**

*The Choir*

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

*Text, Martin Shaw*

\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lauri Soong

\*SEQUENCE HYMN 562

**Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee, verses 1-5**

SAVANNAH

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

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

THE SERMON

Reggie Holder

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 140

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

FAITHFULNESS

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Sevenfold Amen**

*Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931)*

*The Choir*

*After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.*

\*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

**Processional**

*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

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