



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 2023

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

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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

Serving as Lay Reader: Phil Amthor

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1717)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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.

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 en-ter in with shouts of joy, your
The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might-y power made moun-tains,



voic-es raise. O might-y God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a-dored.
sea, and land. Come wor-ship God, come kneel and bow be-fore the Lord our Mak-er now.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 124

Anglican Chant: George Mursell Garrett (1834-1897)

The Choir

Nisi quia Dominus

¹If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;
²If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;
³Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;
⁵Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.
⁶Blessed be the Lord! He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
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.

THE LESSON

Exodus 1:8–2:10

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

*CANTICLE (See inside back cover)

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White (1938-2019)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name."
Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

Children of all ages are invited to participate. Following the Children's Moment, all children are invited to Sunday School. Parents may pick up children following the service from Room E209. If this is your first time at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

*HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON
Organ Improvisation: Gere Hancock

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

Reggie Holder

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Merciful God, grant that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may reveal your glory among all peoples, to the honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

The Choir

This anthem was placed in the music library to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard Cary Phillips, father of Rick Phillips, by Rick and Ellen Buckner.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease.

I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

We've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

Arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Text, John Newton

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Verses 1 and 4

ABERSTWYTH

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

The First Song of Isaiah

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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)



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

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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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