

## LENTEN MIDDAY COMMUNION February 20, 2024

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 Amy DeWitt Liturgist – The Reverend Mikah Hudson Choirmaster and Organist – Richard Phillips

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

Prelude David Schelat (b. 1955)

Chorale Prelude on ST. FLAVIAN
Forty Days and Forty Nights

Welcome and Introduction of Guest Preacher

\*HYMN 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

Verses 1 and 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 Psalm 77:1-14

The Homily The Reverend Amy DeWitt

\*Doxology 95

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### 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.

Upcoming Lenten Midday Communion Guest Preachers
February 27 – Rev. Erica Cooper, Baptist Church of the Covenant
March 5 – Rev. Mary Henley, Assistant District Superintendent
March 12 – Rev. Dr. Tim Kelley, Southside Baptist Church
March 19 – Stephen Ingram, Grace UMC
March 26 – Rev. Charles Lee, Retired UMC Clergy



# WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS! ALL ARE WELCOME



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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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