



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Today is **The Feast of the Transfiguration**, a major Feast Day and a transitional Sunday between the ordinary time after Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. We move from one mountain where Jesus offered the sermon we've been listening to these past five weeks to another where Jesus is transfigured and a few of his disciples get a glimpse of his true glory. All of the readings are connected to one another on this day, with a focus on the gospel reading. We celebrate this now precisely as a reminder that the one who leads us through the coming season of penitence and preparation is preparing us to participate in such glory with him both now and at his second coming.



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.
- † 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.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Kelly Kitchens, April Sides

Serving as Ushers: Jeff Ferrell, Dinks Gaskin

Serving as Acolytes: Reese Alexander, Jack Halliday, Norah Trench, RYANNE TRENCH

Serving as Communion Stewards: Pattie Perry Finney, Lois Poe, Kim McCrae

Serving as Verger: Wilson Nash

Serving as Lay Reader: Michele Nailen

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Richard Fender, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Praeludium in C Major

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Let us pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LAUDA ANIMA

Descant Setting: Richard Phillips



1. Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of joy and peace we bring, thank ful hearts and voi - ces
2. Lamb of God, who on your shoul - ders bore the load of this world's sin, on - ly Son of God the
3. You, O Son of God, are Ho - ly, You we praise with one ac - cord; none in heav'n or earth is



rais - ing to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing: Lord, we thank you,
Fa - ther, you have brought us peace with - in: Lord, have mer - cy,
like You, on - ly You are Christ the LORD! with the Fa - ther,



Lord, we bless you, glo - ry be to God our King!
Christ, have mer - cy, now your glo - rious reign be - gins.
and the Spir - it, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!

***COLLECT FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Let us pray: Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Edgar Day (1891-1983)

*The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient *
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
The Lord is great in Sion * and high above all people.
They shall give thanks unto thy Name * which is great, wonderful, and holy.
The king's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity *
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
O magnify the Lord our God * and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name *
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
Thou heardest them, O Lord our God * thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill * for the Lord our God is holy.
(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, then sit.)
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.*

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

***SEQUENCE HYMN 626**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Musical Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(This anthem is placed in the music library in memory of Mr. William Harriston, Jr.)

The Choir

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiance Divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.*

David Halls (b. 1963)

Text, Charles Wesley

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

***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 pow - er and
might. heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!
Bless - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.*

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MOTET

O Nata Lux

The Choir

*O Nata Lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi.
Dignare Clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus est pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.*

*O Light born of light Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deem us worthy To offer prayers and praise.
You who once deigned to become flesh*

For the sake of your lost ones Grant that we become members Of your holy Body.

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Text, 10th Century Hymn

ORGAN SOLO

Johann Gottfried Walter (1684 –1748)

*Chorale Prelude on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
(All Glory Be to God on High)*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 73

O Worship the King, verses 1, 2, 5

LYONS

Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*THE 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

Prelude on TE DEUM

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

[Upcoming Worship Schedule](#)

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at noon and 6:30 p.m. | Imposition of Ashes

First Sunday of Lent, March 5 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. | Morning Prayers with The Great Litany

Vespers Service, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. | Lenten Contemplative Worship



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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