



LENTEN MIDDAY COMMUNION

February 28, 2023

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 HUEY GARDNER

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray, teach
2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win, O
3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord, to
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy pas - sion - tide, yea,
5. A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past, an



us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
ev - er - more in life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.
Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

*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.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11

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

The Lesson

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Huey Gardner

***DOXOLOGY 95**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

March 7 – Caroline Penfield, Emory University Office of Spiritual and Religious Life

March 14 – The Reverend Steve West, Jacksonville First UMC

March 21 – Perryn Carrol, Jimmie Hale Mission

March 28 – The Reverend James Field, St. James UMC

April 4 – The Reverend Tammy Jackson, Anniston First UMC



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS! ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation – 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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit www.highlandsumc.net for more information.*
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship safety protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.

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 monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.*

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