



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

SENIOR RECOGNITION

MAY 1, 2016 - 10:30 AM SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER





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

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

Serving for Altar Guild: PJ Ellis, Doreen Fell

Serving as Ushers: Jimmy Shannon, Chris Willis

Serving as Communion Servers: Dana Birmingham, Mary Long, Caitlin Mullin

Serving as Acolytes: Gracie Phillips, Nancy Wells

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Lay Reader: Casey Mickelson

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Richard Fender, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (1390-1453)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne
Descant Setting: Richard Phillips

*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray: Almighty God, whos blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 withone 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!

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47 (*Sung by The Choir.*)

Anglican Chant: John Davy (1763-1824)

- 1 O Clap your hands together, all ye people * O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
- 2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared * he is the great King upon all the earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the people under us * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose out an heritage for us * even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God is gone up with a merry noise * and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth * sing ye praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the heathen * God sitteth upon his holy seat.
- 9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

(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.*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

*SEQUENCE HYMN 326

The Head That Once Was Crowned, vs. 1 - 4

ST. MAGNUS
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

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

THE HOMILY

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: Elise Eslinger (b. 1943)

*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

O Clap Your Hands

The Choir

O, clap your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph, for the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises; For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heaven: God sitteth upon the throne of His understanding. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Text, Psalm 47

*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. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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.



...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

*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.*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MOTET

O Savior of the World

The Choir

O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us. O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen..

John Goss (1800-1880)

Text, Edited by James McKelvy

ORGAN SOLO

Elevation in A Flat Major

Al  xandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA
 Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*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

Grand Choeur in D Minor

Al  xandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Senior Recognition - Class of 2016



Charles Albert Fell IV

Charlie is the son of Chase and Doreen Fell. As a youth in the church he was involved in Sunday School, Discovery Weekend and Camp Sumatanga. He worked with Central American youth on a mission trip to Panama in 2012 and locally he has been active in Community Ministries, Festival of the Three Kings and Habitat for Humanity. In worship he has served as Acolyte, greeter and lead collector. Charlie played football at Mountain Brook High School. He worked in the summers at McPherson Oil, as youth basketball coach and as a certified lifeguard at the YMCA. Charlie has plans to attend the University of Alabama where he will study business or engineering.

Carter Reeves Holder

Carter is the son of Kristin Harper and Reggie Holder. He is a Senior at the Alabama School of Fine Arts where he has studied dance since seventh grade and maintained a 4.0 GPA. Carter has served as class representative on the Student Council for six years and currently serves as Council President. Carter was a National Training Scholar for four years with the American Ballet Theatre and this past summer selected to be a part of the Juilliard Summer Dance program. Carter has served the church in sacred dance, as an acolyte and currently works in the church nursery. He will attend Oxford College of Emory University in the fall.



James Connor Lantz

Connor is the son of Tim and Gayle Lantz. He is graduating from Mountain Brook High School and plans to attend Auburn University to study business/entrepreneurship. Connor has participated in Discovery Weekend and Community Ministries. He has enjoyed playing soccer, piano and guitar as well as various volunteer and mission projects.

Edmund Payne Perry Jr.

Edmund is the son of Edmund and Ann Perry. He is a Senior at Mountain Brook High School where he is a member of Interact, National Honor Society, and Math Honor Society. Outside of school, Edmund enjoys playing in a band, Big Time Ministries, and spending time with friends. During high school, Edmund was involved in many youth group activities and was a volunteer at Cornerstone High School. He participated in ASP and Panama mission trips. Edmund will attend Washington and Lee University in the fall.



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.

Happening at Highlands

EAWH Youth Carnival - Today

All youth, especially graduating seniors, are invited to an end-of-the-school year carnival in the church parking lot today from 4 – 6 p.m. There will be food, fun, and an epic water balloon fight. Any parents or church members who would like to help should contact Mary Elizabeth at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.

Men's Fellowship Lunch - May 2

Join us on Monday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Dave's Pizza in Homewood for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Mark Chambers at markc205@yahoo.com.

End of School Picnic – May 22

All children and families are invited to celebrate the end of another school year on Sunday, May 22 from 3 – 5 p.m. at Overton Park in Homewood. We will have games and prizes, crafts, and popsicles. Everyone is welcome!

Everything is AWESome - Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for Everything Is AWESome, our Lego-themed VBS at www.highlandsumc.net/vbs. VBS is July 11 – 15 from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. It is a whole-church event and adult volunteers, with or without children in the children's department, are NEEDED in many areas. If you have Lego bricks to donate, please place them in the collection boxes. Donated Legos cannot be returned.

Bazillion Book Drive

The North Alabama Annual Conference mission project is the Bazillion Book Drive. The goal is to collect as many new children's books as possible to be given to agencies, churches, and other groups that work with children 3rd grade and younger who are living below the poverty line. Look for the drop off box in the Greeting Space. For more information go to www.umcna.org/bazillionbookdrive.

Fill the Freezer

Community Ministries needs to stock the freezer for Hospitality Hour. Your family, work group, or friends can donate a cooked, freezable casserole. Casseroles can be brought by the church any day. Use a favorite recipe or email deb@highlandsumc.net for suggestions.

Communion Server/Flower Sign Ups

Communion servers are an integral part of the worship service and any lay person may assist in giving the bread and cup. Altar flowers are a wonderful expression of our love for God and the individual being honored or remembered. To sign up go to www.highlandsumc.net/signup.

Community Ministries Monthly Donation Items

We are collecting sugar. Drop boxes are located in the Narthex, by the water fountain near the Sanctuary, in the Greeting Space, and outside the church offices.

Open Table Spring/Summer Events

MAY

10-20 United Methodist Church General Conference	
15 After-Church Potluck: Casseroles	Noon
26 Monthly Leadership and General Business	6:15 PM
Meeting Room 209	

JUNE

8 Outreach: Water Bottle Labeling for Pride	5:30 PM
11 Outreach: Central Alabama Pride Parade	6:00 PM
Passing out water bottles along parade route	
26 Monthly Leadership and General Business	6:15 PM
Meeting Room 209	

For more information, or to be added to the Open Table email list contact Angela Stowe at a_mooneyham@yahoo.com.

THE FLOWERS ON THE SANCTUARY ALTAR ... *are given to the glory of God and in memory of Walter and Thelma Rush by Randall and Nancy Wells.*

KEEP IN PRAYER ... *Patsy Moore; Diana Spencer; Virginia Timmons; Madge South; Sam Stayer; Richard Fender; Nancy Sawyer; Lamar Lynn; Juanita Parsons; Brook Morris; Aleta Schanbacher; Charlotte Word; David Mason; Lee Griner; Mary Short; Kathleen Kauffman; Mary Louise Jones; Patricia Gerber; Jean Daniel; Joanna Heard; Lisa, sister of Angela Chramer; Marilyn Mooneyham, mother of Angela Stowe; Jason Rocks; Susan Gray*