



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 5, 2016
10:30 AM SERVICE



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 MORNING WORSHIP HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER
LITURGIST AND CHILDREN’S MOMENT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Lee Ellen Rocks, Kelly Kitchen Williams
Serving as Ushers: Vance Holder, Jonathan Sides
Serving as Communion Servers: Shane Layton, Casey Mickelson, Will Stowe
Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger
Serving as Lay Reader: Casey Mickelson

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Richard Fender, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Chorale Prelude on **Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten**
BWV 647 - Text, UMH 142*

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE
Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Musical Setting: Charles H. Webb (b. 1933)

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION

Mary Katherine Johnson
Harper Kathleen Brashier

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen now before you in your care, and surround them with a community of love and forgiveness?

We will

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

(All stand.)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(All sit.)

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

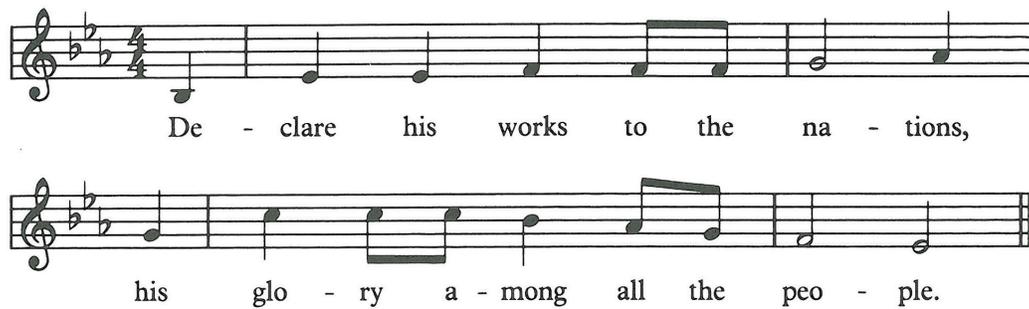
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

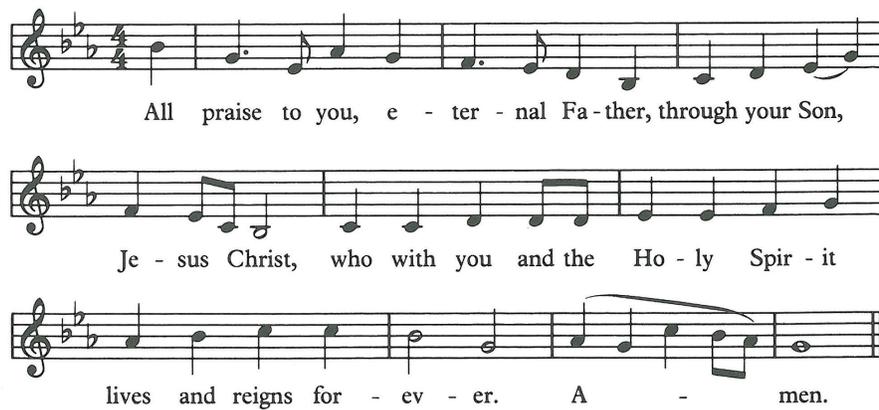


Sing to the Lord, all the earth, tell of God's mer-cy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.



Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and these children who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.



BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

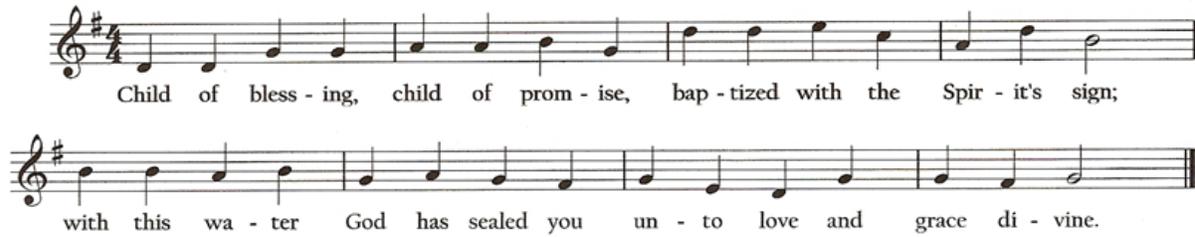
The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen, as a child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

COMMENDATION

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Mary Katherine and Harper Kathleen, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.



FIRST LESSON

Galatians 1:11-24
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*SEQUENCE HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

Luke 7:11-17

THE HOMILY

Reggie Holder

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Musical Setting: Elise Eslinger (b. 1943)

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON 12

*THE PEACE

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

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

God Is My Strong Salvation

The Choir

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:

Though hosts encamp around me. Firm in the fight I strand; what terror can confound me,

With God at my right hand? Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait;

His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate; His might thy heart shall strengthen,

His love thy joy increase; mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:

Though hosts encamp around me. Firm in the fight I strand; what terror can confound me,

With God at my right hand?

Austin Lovelace (1919-2010)

Text, James Montgomery

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

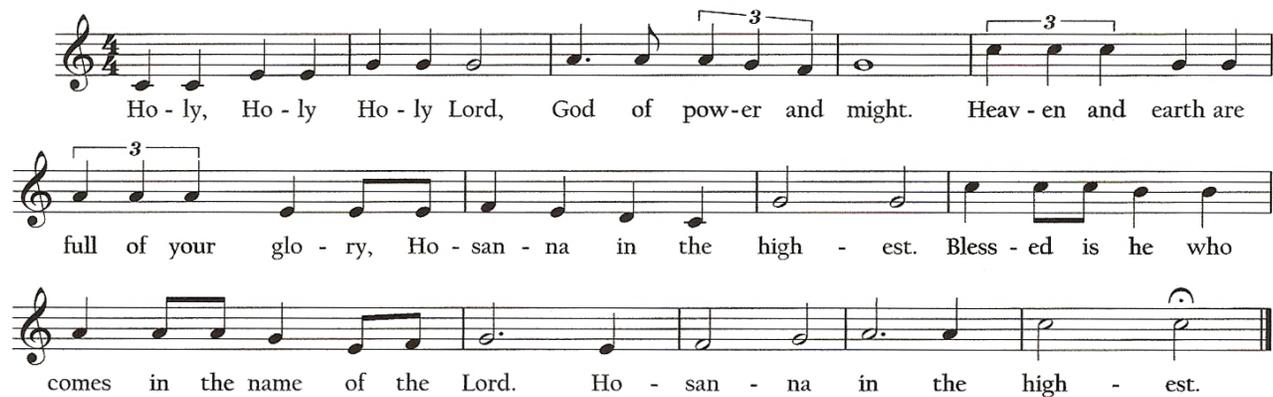
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, 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

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

MOTET

God Be In My Head

The Choir

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be in mine end, and in my departing. Amen.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text, Sarum Primer, 1514

ORGAN SOLO

Chorale Prelude on Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

Georg Böhm (1661 – 1733)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 1 & 4

HYFRYDOL

Organ Improvisation: Gerre Hancock

*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

Choral Improvisation - March Triumphal Op 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Now Thank We All Our God



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

Botanical Gardens Outing – Today

All children and families are invited to the Botanical Gardens, followed by a cool treat at Mountain Brook Creamery. Meet at the gardens entrance today at 3 p.m. to walk through nature with our group, or just meet us at the Creamery at 4:30 p.m. for ice cream. For more information, contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at 205-275-2893.

Open Table Water Bottles – June 8

Join members of Open Table this Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. to prepare bottles of water for the upcoming Pride Parade. Our message “All Are Welcome” has been a big hit in years past. If you would like to participate with our float in the Pride Parade, contact Angela Stowe at a_mooneyham@yahoo.com or Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.

Talking Through Walls Film Viewing – June 12

Join us Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for *Talking Through Walls*. This documentary chronicles the story of how one man’s struggle to build a mosque in New Jersey helped unite an interfaith community. The film depicts tolerance and intolerance in an uncertain world where Jewish, Christian, and Muslim neighbors cross boundaries to sustain each other.

General Conference Sessions - June 12 & 26

Rev. Mikah Hudson will offer two sessions in June to present a report that summarizes information from the General Conference and the next steps. The first session is Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and the second session is Sunday, June 26 following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall.

Paperback Book Drive

We are collecting books for the Jefferson County Jail. Books must be paperback and can be left in the box marked Jail Book Drive in the Greeting Space. Fiction and non-fiction books are needed in both English and Spanish.

Meeting Our Muslim Neighbors – June 14

The Adult Christian Formation Team is sponsoring a visit to the Hoover Crescent Islamic Center during Ramadan on Tuesday, June 14. The visit will include a class on Islam, an evening Muslim prayer service, and a *break-fast* dinner prepared by our Muslim neighbors. The program is from 7 – 9:30 p.m. and all adults and youth are welcome to participate. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about Islam and our Muslim neighbors. Reservations required by June 10 to malcarmich@gmail.com.

VBS Work Days - Tuesdays in June

Vacation Bible School is July 11 – 15 and helpers are needed to create lesson materials and decorations. Each Tuesday beginning June 14 from 2 – 5 p.m., we will have drop-in work days in the Fellowship Hall. Come for as long as you can, whenever you can. You can also continue to sign up to volunteer with VBS on the board in the Greeting Space. There are opportunities for everyone!

The VBS registration deadline is June 15. Register online at www.highlandsumc.net/vbs.

Bazillion Book Drive

The North Alabama Annual Conference mission project is the Bazillion Book Drive. The goal is to collect new children’s books 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 a book drop off box in the Greeting Space. For more information go to www.umcna.org/bazillionbookdrive.

Welcome Nakia

Welcome Nakia Browner, who will be assisting in Children’s Church and VBS this summer. Nakia is a senior at Howard University where she is a member of the Debate Team. She has served as an intern with Balch and Bingham in Washington and in the office of US House of Representative Terri Sewell. Nakia has also worked with Avondale UMC in their Mother’s Day Out program. We are excited to have Nakia at Highlands this summer.

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; Kirk, Whitney, and Hailey Smith*