



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2014

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



### For Our Guests

We are glad to worship with you at Highlands United Methodist Church, where all people are welcome.

† Young children may stay with their parents in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger on the first floor of the Education Building. An usher will be happy to assist. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment. Following the Children's Moment they may attend Children's Church on the first floor.

† Children's books, crayons and bulletins 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 933-8751 ext. 100 or email [office@highlandsumc.net](mailto:office@highlandsumc.net) with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.

† Additional parking is available on Sundays at the Hotel Highland and Highlands Bar and Grill.

# ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY BAPTISM

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:* Leish Harris, Vance Holder  
*Serving as Ushers:* Mark Chambers, Bart Trench

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Richard Fender, Chimer*

CALL TO WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

**Prelude No. V**  
*from Preludium and Intercessies*

*Hermann Schroder (1904-1984)*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 529

**How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

\*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

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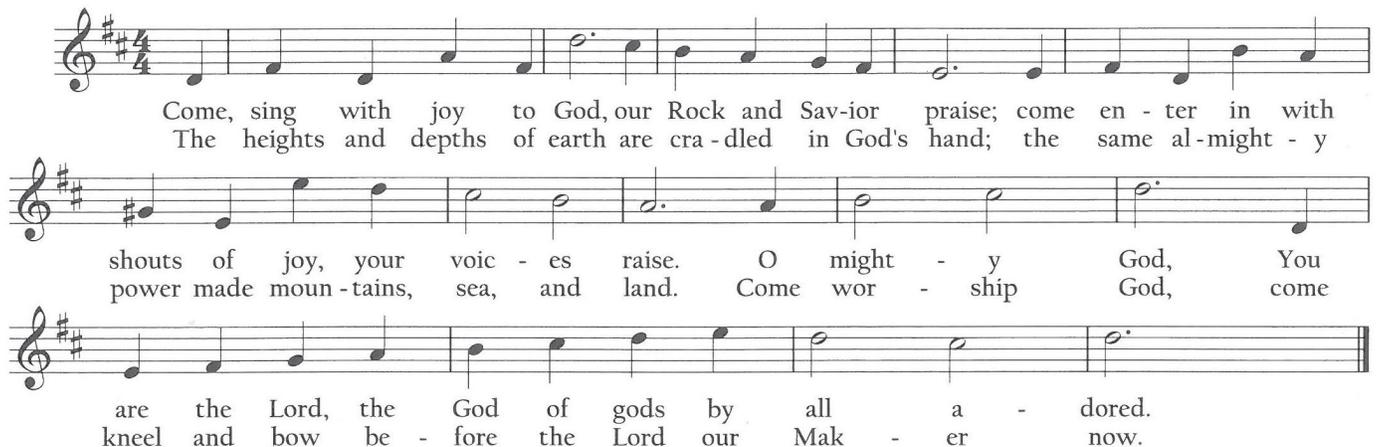
*O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.*  
*We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.*

\*THE PEACE

\*VENITE

**Psalm 95**  
**Come, Sing With Joy to God**

*Musical Setting: DARWALL'S 148TH*



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sav-ior praise; come en - ter in with  
The heights and depths of earth are cra - dled in God's hand; the same al - might - y  
shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y God, You  
power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship God, come  
are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.  
kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

(The cantor will sing the refrain first, and then repeated by all.)



Lord, show us your love; show us your love and mer-cy.

Let me hear what the Lord has to say\* they are words of peace to all.  
 Words of peace to all the people,\* to the saints who hope in the Lord.\* (R)  
 Help is near to all who fear the Lord.\* God's peace will come to our land.  
 Love and faithfulness shall meet;\* justice and peace will embrace.\* (R)  
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth.\* Justice will look down from heaven,  
 The Lord will give what is good,\* and the earth shall yield its increase. (R)  
 Justice will go before our God,\* and peace will be the footsteps of the Lord.\* (R)

### 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

Andrew James Prewett

#### 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 Andrew James in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his 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 Andrew James now before you in your care, and surround him 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

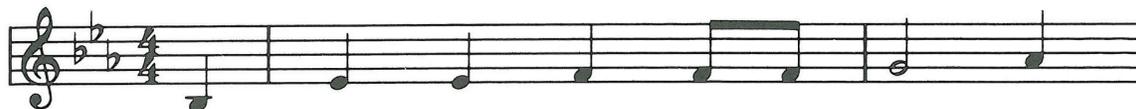
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

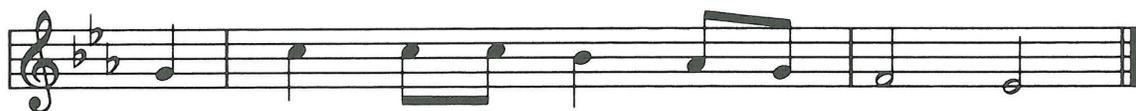


Sing to the Lord, all the earth, tell of God's mer-cy each day.

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.



De - clare his works to the na - tions,



his glo - ry a - mong all the peo - ple.

Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and this child who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, through your Son,  
 Je - sus Christ, who with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 lives and reigns for - ev - er. A - men.

### BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Andrew James, 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.**

Andrew James, 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 Andrew James whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he 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 Andrew James, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

### HYMN OF BLESSING

### Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUGGART

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;  
 with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.

### FIRST LESSON

Romans 10:5-15  
*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*  
 Walter Rush, Reader

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

*Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer 895

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

George Whelpton (1847-1930)

Text, Psalm 143

### GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Lindsay Dawson, soprano Mary Elizabeth Neal, alto

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!  
May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be a living fire!  
While life's dark maze I tread, and grief's around me spread, be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.  
When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

William K. Bassford (1839-1902)

Text, Ray Palmer

### \*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

### \*SEQUENCE HYMN 479

### Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

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



### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

### The Gospel of the Lord.



### THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN  
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.*

\* RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Prelude No. VI  
*from Preludium and Intercessies*

Hermann Schroder (1904-1984)

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## *Sunday Morning Faith Formation Groups*

All groups meet at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited and encouraged to visit any of our Sunday morning groups.

### **Explorers Class (Room E208)**

The Explorers Class is composed of adults who are social-justice minded and have a passion to see the gospel lived-out in our community and is taught by Matthew Penfield and is currently studying *On God's Time* by Jim Wallis. Class discussions range from Biblical studies to current day theological matters.

### **New Class (Room E210)**

The New Class derives its name from II Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation, the old has gone; the new has come." Taught by Bill Clark, and others, the class is currently studying *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium* by Pope Francis.

### **Upper Room Class (Room E209)**

The Upper Room Class studies books of the Bible and emphasizes how one lives out the Christian life. The class offers good discussion and fellowship for its members and visitors and is taught by Bill Hairston, III. They are currently studying the minor Old Testament prophets.

### **Red Berry Class (Room E204)**

Lively discussion is the hallmark of the Red Berry Class. Led by members of the class, they delve deep into the Bible employing philosophical, historical and spiritual resources to aid in study.



## **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

## SUMATANGA SUNDAY - SPECIAL OFFERING ON AUGUST 17

Camp Sumatanga is a remarkably productive resource for churches. Countless youth have been encouraged and strengthened in their faith journey, many ministers have heard their call to ministry at Sumatanga and many more return for rest and renewal on a regular basis. An anonymous donor has given a challenge grant of \$50,000 to Sumatanga that will be claimed as soon as Sumatanga raises \$50,000 in matching funds. Next week, Sumatanga Sunday will be celebrated across the North Alabama Conference. Please consider making a generous donation to Sumatanga on August 17 to help obtain the \$50,000 challenge grant!

### Second Sunday Lunch - Today

The second Sunday of each month we gather in the Greeting Space following the 10:30 a.m. service and walk to a neighborhood restaurant for lunch. This is a great way to meet new friends in our church and for newcomers to learn more about Highlands. We hope you will join us at the Magnolia Avenue doors in the downstairs Greeting Space. For more information, contact Scott Welch.

### Men's Fellowship Lunch - August 11

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

### Atrium Work Day - August 13

Join us on Wednesday, August 13 from 9 a.m. – Noon to help create and prepare materials needed in levels 1 and 2 Atria. If you would like to participate, contact Reggie Holder at [reggie@highlandsumc.net](mailto:reggie@highlandsumc.net).

### Annual Youth Lake Retreat - August 15 - 16

Our annual youth lake retreat with East AvonWood High is August 15 – 16 at Brian Bellenger's lake house on Smith Lake. Plan to meet in the parking lot at 4 p.m. on Friday and return at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The retreat is open to both middle and high school youth. The permission form and packing list are available at [www.highlandsumc.net/youth](http://www.highlandsumc.net/youth). For more information contact, [maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net](mailto:maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net).

### Adult Christian Formation Catalog

The Adult Christian Formation Catalog offers six intentional paths for exploring and deepening discipleship. It contains a complete list of Bible Studies, on-going classes, short-term studies, and formation groups and activities. On August 17, 24, and 31, we will have information on

these exciting opportunities at the top of the stairs in the Greeting Space. Great things are in store for the fall at Highlands!

### Blessing of the Backpacks - August 17

Students are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 17 for a time of prayer for a successful school year. We will also be accepting donations for children at Avondale Elementary School. Items needed include: washable glue sticks, washable markers, paper towels, wet wipes, lined notebook paper, reward stickers, flash cards, new or gently used books, and workbooks suitable for first grade.

### Hospitality Hour New Location

Community Ministries' Hospitality Hour has moved to Baptist Church of the Covenant, and will operate there through the end of construction. Project ID will continue to operate at Highlands each Tuesday and Thursday.

### Community Ministries Monthly Donation Items

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

**KEEP IN PRAYER ...** Lee Morris; Evelyn Anderson; Patsy Moore; Diana Spencer; Virginia Timmons; Madge South; Sam Stayer; Richard Fender; Allyn Brown; Nancy Sawyer; Coke Williams, Sr.; Jerry Clayton; Kathleen Kauffman; Frances Seay; Frances Mitchell; Suzanne Hoyer; Bill Hairston, Jr.; Lamar Lynn; Reina McFarlin; Lydia Wheeler; Jean Allen; Fred Berger and family (CDC); Richard Glover; Jerry Thompson; William Ray; Sarah Gaskin; Cindy Hartsell Jones; Faye Fletcher; Juanita Parsons