



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

## ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

*\*Those who are able, please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.*

*Serving for Altar Guild:* Leslie Davis, Lynn L'Eplattenier

*Serving as Ushers:* Geoff Green, Will Stowe

*Serving as Lay Reader:* Malcolm Carmichael

*Serving as Acolytes:* Ann Harper Nash

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Kara Cargile, chimer*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

**Prelude**

*Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)*

*from Two Compositions for Organ*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 400

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

NETTLETON

*Organ Improvisation: Samuel Metzger*

\*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

*O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.*

*We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

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

\*VENITE

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

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa-vior praise; come en-ter in with shouts of joy, your  
The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might-y power made moun-tains,



voic-es raise. O might-y God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a-dored.  
sea, and land. Come wor-ship God, come kneel and bow be-fore the Lord our Mak-er now.

PSALTER

Psalm 139:1-5

Anglican Chant: Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

The Choir

Domine, probasti

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
 you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>2</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>3</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
<sup>4</sup>You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>5</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.

\*CANTICLE

Arise, Your Light Is Come

ST. THOMAS

Descant Setting: Richard Phillips



A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show  
 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise



forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 -claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

\*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

John 1:43-51

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

Reggie Holder

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Arise  
*The Choir*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear savior. Oh! There are ten thousand charms.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.  
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.*

*Arranged by Alice Parker (1925-2023) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)*

*Text, Traditional*

\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE  
*Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawstorne*

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE



# WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

## ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – [rmnetwork.org](http://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.*

*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.*

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### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Hebrew prophets, Jesus, Paul, and the early church was always a message of welcome and inclusion for all. The image of God's kingdom is of something small and insignificant growing into something larger and of great significance. The oppressed, the alien, and the outcast were all welcomed, included, and cared for. In this sense, our faith is built upon the idea of gracious hospitality. Followers of Jesus are not about walls of exclusion but bridges of grace and acceptance. Ours is a faith of invitation, for all to come to know Jesus as the living Christ who overcomes all brokenness, sin, and even death, offering a way to make all things new. This invitation extends to you. If you desire to explore what this means for you, please speak to a member of the clergy after the service or sometime this week. We welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

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### 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](http://www.highlandsumc.net/giving) to give using a debit, credit card, or bank account.

#### *Sustainable Giving:*

- To set up automatic monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at [finance@highlandsumc.net](mailto:finance@highlandsumc.net).



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