



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – LESLIE WILLIAMS

LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

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 Acolytes: Polly Dawson, Bess Forrester, Reed Forrester • *Serving as Lay Reader:* Susan Crow

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimera

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Prelude on CRIMOND
Text UMH 136 - The Lord's My Shepherd

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*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.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

Halleluiah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

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 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

*CANTICLE

Arise, Your Light Is Come

ST. THOMAS



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.

THE HOMILY

Leslie Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CREATED BY THE YOUTH OF HIGHLANDS UMC

We believe in God, the Creator,
 all powerful and all knowing,
 who formed us in God's own image, and calls us to justice,
 leading us, guiding us, loving us.

We believe in God the Son, the Redeemer,
 God among us in the form of a selfless human,
 who teaches, forgives, and accepts us,
 calling us to liberation and to liberate others.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, ever present,
 guiding us and encouraging us,
 motivating us and enabling us,
 sustaining us and comforting us. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Reggie Holder

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep

The Choir

*O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!*

*For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself but us.*

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore. Amen.*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

*Text, Latin, 15th Century
Translated by Benjamin Webb*

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN 188

Christ Is the World's Light

Verses 1 and 2

CHRISTE SANCTORUM
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

Highlands United Methodist Church is blessed to have one of the most beautiful pipe organs in the Southeast. Our Moller pipe organ is being re-leathered and repaired at this time by the R. A. Colby Organ Company. Our instrument will be out of commission for several months while this work is being done. I want to thank our congregation for raising over \$300,000.00 to refurbish our beloved instrument. Until the restoration is completed, we will be using an electronic organ as a substitute during our worship services.

*Rick Phillips,
Choirmaster and Organist*



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – 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.

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.

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



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