



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 participate in worship. A nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger; an usher will be happy to direct you. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called for the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to sit with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.
- † Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please visit the hospitality table in the Greeting Space after worship for a cool beverage and information about the Highlands family. 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.



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 2018 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

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

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Janet Holt

Serving as Ushers: Mike Buchanan, Tommy Thompson

Serving as Acolytes: Austin Meredith, Norah Trench

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Lay Reader: Michael Lalor

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude

César Franck (1822-1890)

*from Prelude, Fugue, and Variation
Opus 18*

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 547

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY AND GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

*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



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.

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PSALM 23

Howard Hughes (b. 1930)

The cantor will sing the Response first, then followed by all.



The cantor will sing the verse.

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need, giving me rest in green and pleasant fields,
Reviving my soul by finding fresh water, guiding my ways with a shepherd's care. (R)

Though I should walk in death's dark valley I fear no evil with you by my side,
Your shepherd's staff to comfort me, your shepherds staff to comfort me. (R)

You spread my table in sight of my foes, anoint my head, my cup runs over;
You tend me with love always loyal. I dwell with the Lord as long as I live. (R)

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE (See Pew Insert)

The First Song of Isaiah

Musical Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Deb Welsh

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

The Chamber Choir

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

George Whelpton (1847-1930)

Text, Selected texts from the scriptures

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

David Busby, tenor

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Samuel Liddle (1844-1951)

Text, Psalm 23

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

*HYMN 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be With You

The Chamber Choir

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels' guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Text, Jeremiah Rankin

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Rondeau

from Abdelazar

Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Highlands is truly blessed to have such committed people in The Choir to offer their gifts in the worship services, which inspire us and feed our souls each week. During the next few weeks, we are giving the full choir a well-deserved break. We will continue to have a small chamber choir or a soloist to provide special music during worship at this time.