



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, SUTTON SMITH

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

LAY READER – WARREN LAIRD

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Gavotte in F Major

Samuel Wesley (1810-1837)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 568

Christ for the World We Sing
(verses 1, 3, & 4)

ITALIAN HYMN
Descant Setting: Charles Webb

*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.

PSALTER (*Sung by The Choir*)

Psalm 92:1-4; 12-14

Anglican Chant: William Crotch (1775-1847)

Bonum est confiteri

¹*It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

²*To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season;*

³*On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.*

⁴*For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.*

¹²*Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;*

¹³*They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;*

¹⁴*That they may show how upright the Lord is, my Rock, in whom there is no fault.*

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

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EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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

*CANTICLE

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Refrain

Sure-ly it is God who saves me: I will trust in him and not be a - fraid, For the
 Lord is my strong-hold and my sure_ de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse 1

There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion, and on that
 day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord, and call up - on his_ name." _____

Verse 2

Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ple: See that they re - mem - ber that his name is ex - aul - ted.
 Sing the pra - ises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is_ known in_ all the world.

Verse 3

— Cry a - loud, in - hab - i - tants of Zi - ion! Ring out your joy! For the
 great one in the midst of_ you is the Ho - ly_ One of_ Is - ra - el. _____ (Repeat Refrain)

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

OPEN TABLE MOMENT

Warren Laird

**Affirming that Highlands United Methodist Church is a place where all are welcome, let us unite our voices in proclaiming our Welcome Statement:*

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.

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

Reggie Holder

ANTHEM

O How Amiable

The Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Text, Psalms 84 and 90

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN 545

The Church's One Foundation

(verses 1, 4 & 5)

AURELIA

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Following the retiring procession, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary.

RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major

Opus 193, No. 1

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please maintain safe social distancing as you greet one another and exit.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

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OFFERING

Offerings may be left in the plates near the Sanctuary exits as you leave the service today. Giving envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks may be made payable to HUMC.

To give electronically, visit www.highlandsumc.net/giving or text GIVE to 205-900-3040.

To set up automatic payments, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Social distancing and face masks that cover both the mouth and nose are required throughout the building. We are mindful of those in our community who have not yet been vaccinated or who – like our young children – are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine, and choose to continue these safety precautions until they can be fully vaccinated.
- Seating in the Sanctuary is arranged to maintain social distancing. Please sit only in designated pews.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- At the close of the service, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary. As you exit the Sanctuary, please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship COVID protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.

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 by 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.



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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