



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 20, 2021

10:30 A.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME

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Gloria

Richard Proulx

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*(Sung by the Choir) Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord. You a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND HENRY GIBSON
LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON, REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
LAY READER – LAURA PREWITT
VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

*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

Aria in E Flat Major
from the Twelfth Concerto

George Fredrick Handel (1685-1759)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 577

God of Grace, and God of Glory
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

CWM RHONDDA
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne
Descant Setting: Charles Webb

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(See facing page)*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
(Sung by the Choir) Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

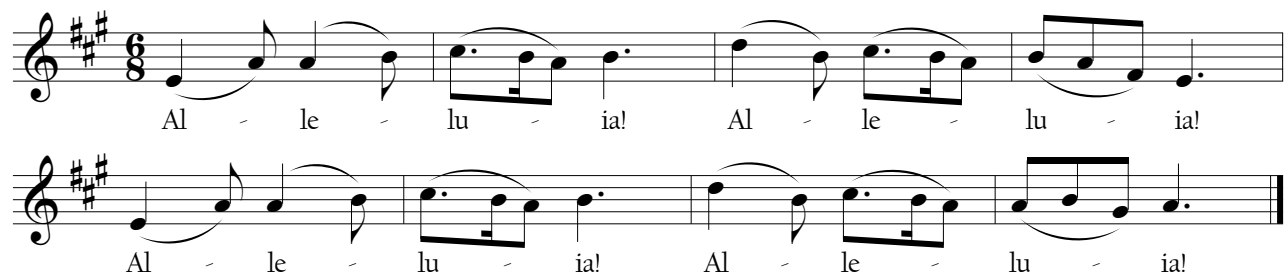
COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Creator God, in the beginning your word subdued the chaos and in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and to make all things new. By that same power transform our fear into faith that we may have courage to follow in the way of your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)



*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Henry Gibson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reggie Holder

OPEN TABLE MOMENT

Laura Prewitt

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Musical Setting: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we live out our faith. The communion table is open to all who love God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in our world.

*THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM

Since By Man Came Death

from MESSIAH

The Choir

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

George Fredrick Handel

Text, I Corinthians: XV: 21

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven ___ and earth ___ are full of your
 glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain. _____

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

A - men. A - men. A - men. _____

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive Holy Communion and be mindful of social distancing while waiting to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Pre-packaged elements are available at the chancel rails.

Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table.

COMMUNION MOTET

Be Still My Soul
The Choir

*Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side; bear patiently thy cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: when waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwell below.*

*Be still, my soul: The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Text, Katharina von Schlege
Translation by Jane Borthwick

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 377

It Is Well With My Soul
(verses 1 & 4)

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G Major

George Fredrick Handel

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

OFFERING

You may leave a cash or check offering in the offering 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

For a complete listing of this week's announcements and events, visit www.highlandsumc.net/calendar or see our Friday morning Happening at Highlands emails. To sign up for email announcements, visit www.highlandsumc.net and scroll to the bottom of the page. For questions about email communications from Highlands, contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

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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.
- Congregants may enter the Sanctuary through the Prayer Garden or the Greeting Space. Greeters will welcome congregants at both entrances. Masks are available at these entrances if you do not have one.
- 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.
- All restroom facilities are open. Please be mindful of social distance in restrooms and adjacent corridors.
- The Sanctuary and restrooms will be cleaned thoroughly prior to and after each service.

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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