



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 27, 2021

10:30 A.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME

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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-ples: 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)

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, SUTTON SMITH
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
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

Fugue
from Voluntary in D minor

William Boyce (1710-1779)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 57

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 7)

AZMON
Organ Improvisation: Gere Hancock
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 133
Ecce, quam bonum!

Anglican Chant: Henry Smart (1813-1879)

¹*O how good and pleasant it is when brethren live together in unity!*

²*It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,*

³*Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.*

⁴*It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.*

⁵*For there the Lord has ordained the blessing; life forever more.*

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EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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

*CANTICLE *(See facing page)*

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*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reggie Holder

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Musical Setting: Charles H. Webb (b. 1933)

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION

Lillian Rose Arnold
Katherine Drennen Arnold
Children of Allen and Evalouise Arnold

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.***

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.***

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.***

*Will you nurture Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen in Christ's holy church that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead Christian lives? **I will.***

*Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.***

*Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen now before you in your care, and surround them with a community of love and forgiveness? **We will.***

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

(All stand.)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(All sit.)

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

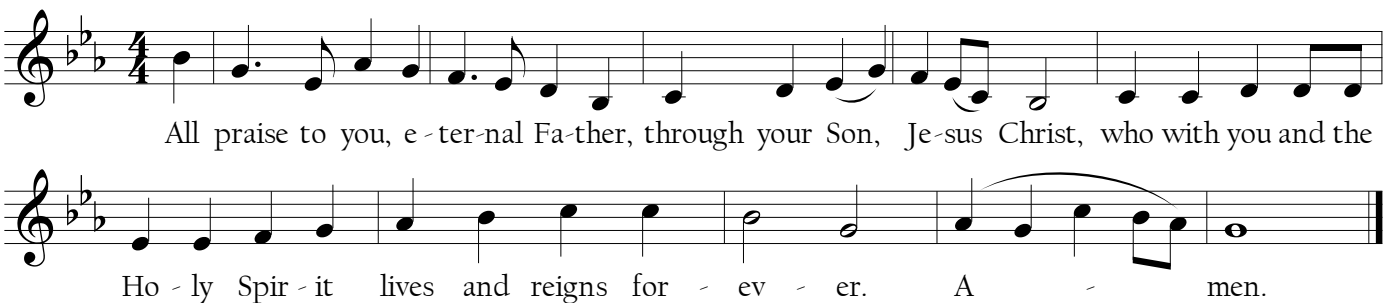
Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.



In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.



Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and this child who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in Christ's final victory.



BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

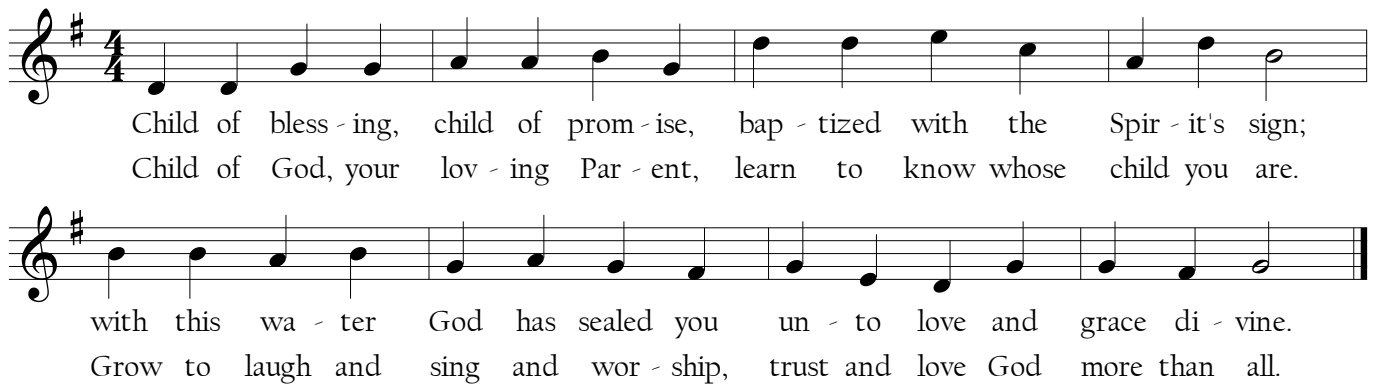
The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen, as children of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Lillian Rose and Katherine Drennen, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.



Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;
 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

OPEN TABLE MOMENT

Sutton Smith

**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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ANTHEM

O Sing Unto the Lord

*The Choir**O sing unto the Lord a new song! Hallelujah!**Henry Purcell (1658-1695)**Text, Psalm 96:1*

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN 117

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

(verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

ST. ANNE

Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on OLD HUNDRETH PSALM TUNE

Henry Purcell

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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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