

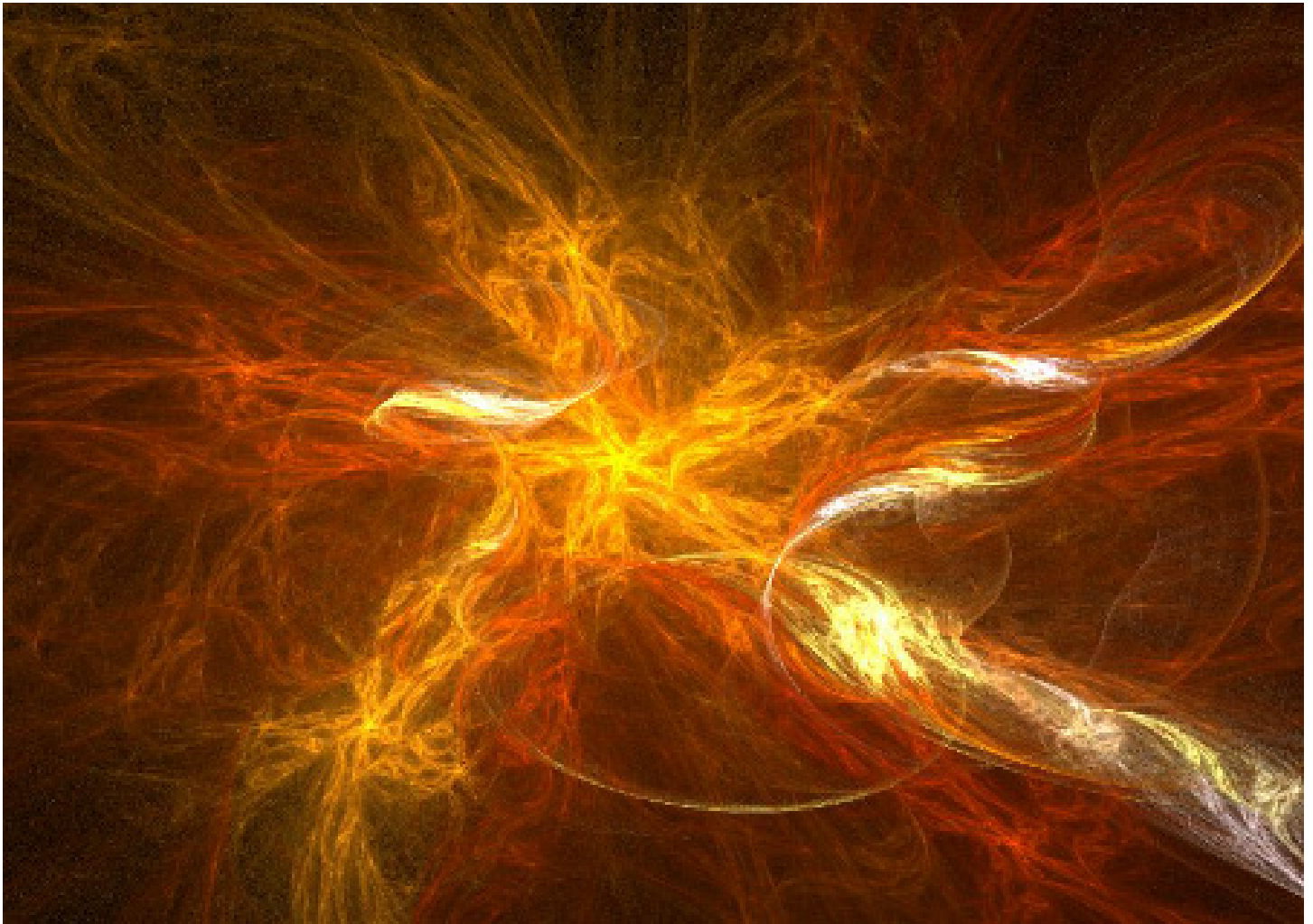


# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

JUNE 5, 2022

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



We are grateful that you have come to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and God's presence during our worship. Today we celebrate Pentecost, often known as the birthday of the Church. The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Its origins relate to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God's giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter.

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 MIKAH HUDSON  
LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, LESLIE WILLIAMS  
CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS  
VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

*Serving for Altar Guild:* Linda Gaffney  
*Serving as Ushers:* Jonathan Sides, Tyler Williams  
*Serving as Lay Reader:* John Gaffney  
*Serving as Communion Stewards:* Leisha Harris, Vance Holder

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Kara Cargile, chimer*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*  
**Chorale Prelude on Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist**  
*Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost | BWV 631a*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 547

**O Church of God, United**  
*Verses 1, 3, and 4*

ELLACOMBE  
*Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble*

\*COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*  
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 PENTECOST

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

*God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

Children of all ages are invited to participate. Following the Gospel Lesson, all children are invited to Children's Choir rehearsal. Parents may pick up children following the service from Room E210. If this is your first time at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

John 14:8-17

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

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

## \*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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leslie Williams

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Musical Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The new altar chalice used during today's service of Holy Communion is given in loving memory of Don Delashaw by Leigh, Lauren, Hannah, and the Delashaw family.

## \*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.

## \*THE PEACE

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

## GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

Reggie Holder

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Call to the Paraclete

The Choir

O God, Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit this congregation with thy love and favor;  
Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel;  
Graft in their hearts, love of the truth; increase in them true religion;  
Nourish them with all goodness; and of thy mercy keep them in the same,  
O Blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify,  
One God, world without end. Amen.

Betty Louise Lumby (1926-2020)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

## \*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

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## \*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 power 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.



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



## THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

## Agnus Dei The Choir

*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 HYMN 651

## Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire The Choir and Congregation

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## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

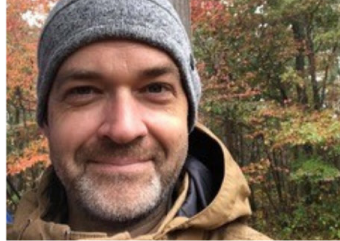
*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## \*HYMN 541

## See How Great a Flame Aspires Verses 1 and 4

ARFON (MAJOR)

## \*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH



## THIS IS MY FAITH

Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

*A summer Sunday school series inviting guest presenters to share stories of their faith formation.*

*All are welcome and invited!*

### Upcoming Guest Speakers:

JUNE 12 - Garrett Harper, *Executive Director of Urban Ministries*

JUNE 19 - Daniel Coleman, *President of Birmingham-Southern College*

JUNE 26 - John Archibald, *Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist*



### HYMN SING SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, July 3 for a Hymn Sing! We will sing our favorite songs of the faith, both old and new. We'd love to know which hymns the congregation would like to sing! *Scan the QR code with your mobile device to complete the hymn request form by June 26.*



# WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

## ALL ARE WELCOME



*A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network ([rmnetwork.org](http://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.*

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### 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.

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### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit [www.highlandsumc.net](http://www.highlandsumc.net) for more information.*
- Face masks are encouraged but not required throughout the building.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways and in restroom facilities.

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

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### 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](http://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](mailto:finance@highlandsumc.net).*