



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021

10:30 A.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME

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ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER

LAY READER – 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

David Busby, chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo

*from Organ Sonata No. 3
Opus 65, Movement III*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

(verses 1, 2, 5 & 6)

CORONATION

Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

Descant Setting: Richard Phillips

*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 (*Sung by The Choir*)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*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.
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

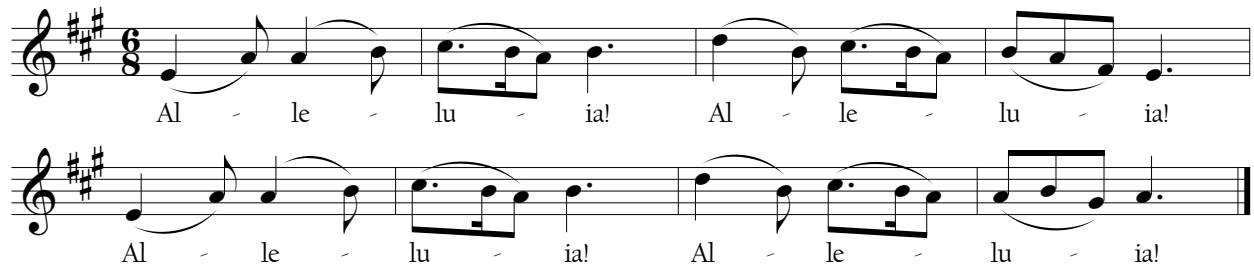
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Ever-loving God, your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole both people and nations; through 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 3:20-35

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OPEN TABLE MOMENT

Angela Stowe

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

Musical Communion 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendedth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Arranged by Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)

Text, Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century

*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. _____

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Choir

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your 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 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

Ave Verum

The Choir

*Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;
cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

*Translation: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross thy sacred body, for us with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.*

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)

English translation by Norman Greyson

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 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

(verses 1 & 2)

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

from Organ Sonata No. 2

Opus 65, Movement II

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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