



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER



We Welcome Our Guests

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.

† All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child downstairs in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.

† Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.

† Please visit the Bread for the Journey table in the Greeting Space after worship for a delicious homemade treat and information about Highlands. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.

† Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.



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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ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Lynn L'Eplattenier

Serving as Ushers: George Gaskin, Mattie Gaskin

Serving as Acolytes: Virginia Hunt, Austin Meredith, Cade Smith, Victoria Thompson

Serving as Verger: Andrew Salser

Serving as Lay Reader: Linda Thacker

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Offertory in B Flat Major
from Twelve Pieces for Organ

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*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.**


*THE PEACE

*VENITE


Psalm 95

Come, Let Us Sing to God on High

Setting: HULSEY



1. Come, let us sing to God on high, The Rock of our sal - va - tion praise;
2. For God is Lord a - bove all gods, The heights and de - pths are in His hand;
3. Let us bow down and wor - ship Him who is our ma - ker and our Lord;



Come with thanks - giv - ing to His courts and joy - ful psalms be - fore Him raise.
He made the sea and it is His, His hands have molded the dry land.
We are His peo - ple and His sheep; To - day, then, heark - en to His Word.

PSALM 51:1-12 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: William Hine (1687-1730)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

(The people stand at the Gloria Patri and sit for the lesson.)

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.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE

A Song of Penitence

Setting: KINGSFOLD



1. O Lord who rules the heav-en's host, O God of A - bra-ham, Lord God of Isa - ac,
2. But yet your love sur-pass-es all the mea-sure of our mind; You, Lord, are pa - tient,
3. And now, O Lord, I bend my knee and make my sure ap - peal; For I have sinned, Lord,



Ja-cob, and of all their right-tous clan. You made the heav - ens formed the earth with
mer-ci-ful, and in - fi- nite - ly kind. You do not judge as we de - serve, and
and I know my wick-ed- ness too well. I there - fore make this prayer to you: for -



all their vast ar - ray, be - fore you all things quake with fear and trem ble in dis - may.
in your good-ness, Lord, You of - fer par - don that we may Re - pent and be re - stored.
give me, Lord, for- give; Let me nor per - ish in my sin, nor let me die but live.

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED 881

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Deb Welsh

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Teach Me

The Choir

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee; for Thou art my God.

Text, Selected texts from the scriptures

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

from Ein Deutsches Requiem

The Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Text, Psalm 84:1, 2, 4

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100TH

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

*SEQUENCE HYMN 168

At the Name of Jesus

KING’S WESTON

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

John 12:20-33

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 504

The Old Rugged Cross

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen’s

The Choir

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

No. 2 Allegro non troppo e pesante

from Six Short Preludes

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)