



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

MARCH 3, 2019

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Transfiguration, Lewis Bowman, 2008

Today is The Feast of the Transfiguration, a major Feast Day and a transitional Sunday between the ordinary time after Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. We move from one mountain where Jesus offered the sermon we've been listening to these past five weeks to another where Jesus is transfigured and a few of his disciples get a glimpse of his true glory. All of the readings are connected to one another on this day, with a focus on the gospel reading. We celebrate this now precisely as a reminder that the one who leads us through the coming season of penitence and preparation is preparing us to participate in such glory with him both now and at his second coming.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

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, ethnicity, gender identity, 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 participate fully in worship. Families are encouraged to sit toward the front so that your children can see and hear all that takes place during worship. Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available at the Sanctuary entrances for use during worship. A nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger; an usher will be happy to direct you.

† Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Children's Moment. Following Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal. Children ages 4 – 2nd grade may then attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall; older children may return to sit with their families. If this is your child's first time attending Children's Church, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

† Please visit the hospitality table in the Greeting Space after worship for a homemade treat and information about the Highlands family. 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.

† If you would like to receive updates from Highlands about our upcoming worship services, study opportunities, and events, text HIGHLANDS to 84576, visit www.highlandsumc.net/email, or contact the church office.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

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

Serving as Altar Guild: Lynn L'Eplattenier

Serving as Ushers: Lee Smith, Shea Smith

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Lay Reader: Michele Nailen

Serving as Acolytes: Harper Boyd, Cade Smith, Lillie Corinne Welch

Serving as Communion Stewards: Warren Laird, Mary-Kate Laird, Caroline Laird

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Preludium in C Major

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin

*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 pew insert*)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

*COLLECT FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29–35

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Edgar Day (1891-1983)

- ¹ The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
- ² The Lord is great in Sion and high above all people.
- ³ They shall give thanks unto thy name, which is great, wonderful, and holy.
- ⁴ The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity
thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ O magnify the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among the priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his name
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
- ⁷ He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- ⁸ Thou heardest them, O Lord our God: thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
- ⁹ O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

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*SEQUENCE HYMN 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28–36

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Musical Setting: Elise Eslinger (b. 1943)

*INVITATION, CONFESSON, AND PARDON

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. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

SUMATANGA SUNDAY MOMENT

Today's Communion rail offering will benefit Camp Sumatanga summer camp volunteer scholarships. Checks may be made to HUMC with "Sumatanga Sunday" in the memo line.

THE OFFERTORY

Te Deum in C Major *The Choir*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty,

Thine honorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up forever.

Day by day: we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

*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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...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.

A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is common C, indicated by a treble clef and a 'C' with a sharp sign. The time signature is common time, indicated by a '4'. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

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

Musical notation for the first section of the hymn tune 'Crown of Thorns'. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (4/4). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily on the G and A strings. The lyrics are: 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' The music concludes with a fermata over the final note.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

The Choir

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

The Handbell Choir

Kathy Burdette, Director

ORGAN SOLO

Johann Gottfried Walter (1684–1748)

*Chorale Prelude on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr**(All Glory Be to God on High)***MOTET****O Nata Lux***The Choir*

*O Nata Lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi
Dignare Clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus est pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.*

Translation: O Light born of light Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

Mercifully deem us worthy To offer prayers and praise.

You who once deigned to become flesh

For the sake of your lost ones Grant that we become members Of your holy Body.

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Text, 10th Century Hymn

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP*****HYMN 451****Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

Organ Improvisation: Gerre Hancock

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**CHORAL BENEDICTION****Psalm 150***The Choir*

*O praise God in his holiness, praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet, praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances, praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise him upon the loud cymbals.*

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

George Thomas Talbot (d. 1918)

Text, Traditional Coverdale Psalter

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

RETIRING VOLUNTARY*Prelude on TE DEUM**

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

***PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS**



The season of Lent at Highlands



ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT

SERVICES AT NOON & 6:30 PM

HOLY WEEK:

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 18

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT NOON

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE AT 6:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21

SERVICES AT 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

LENTEN STUDY OFFERINGS: WWW.HIGHLANDSUMC.NET/LENT



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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