

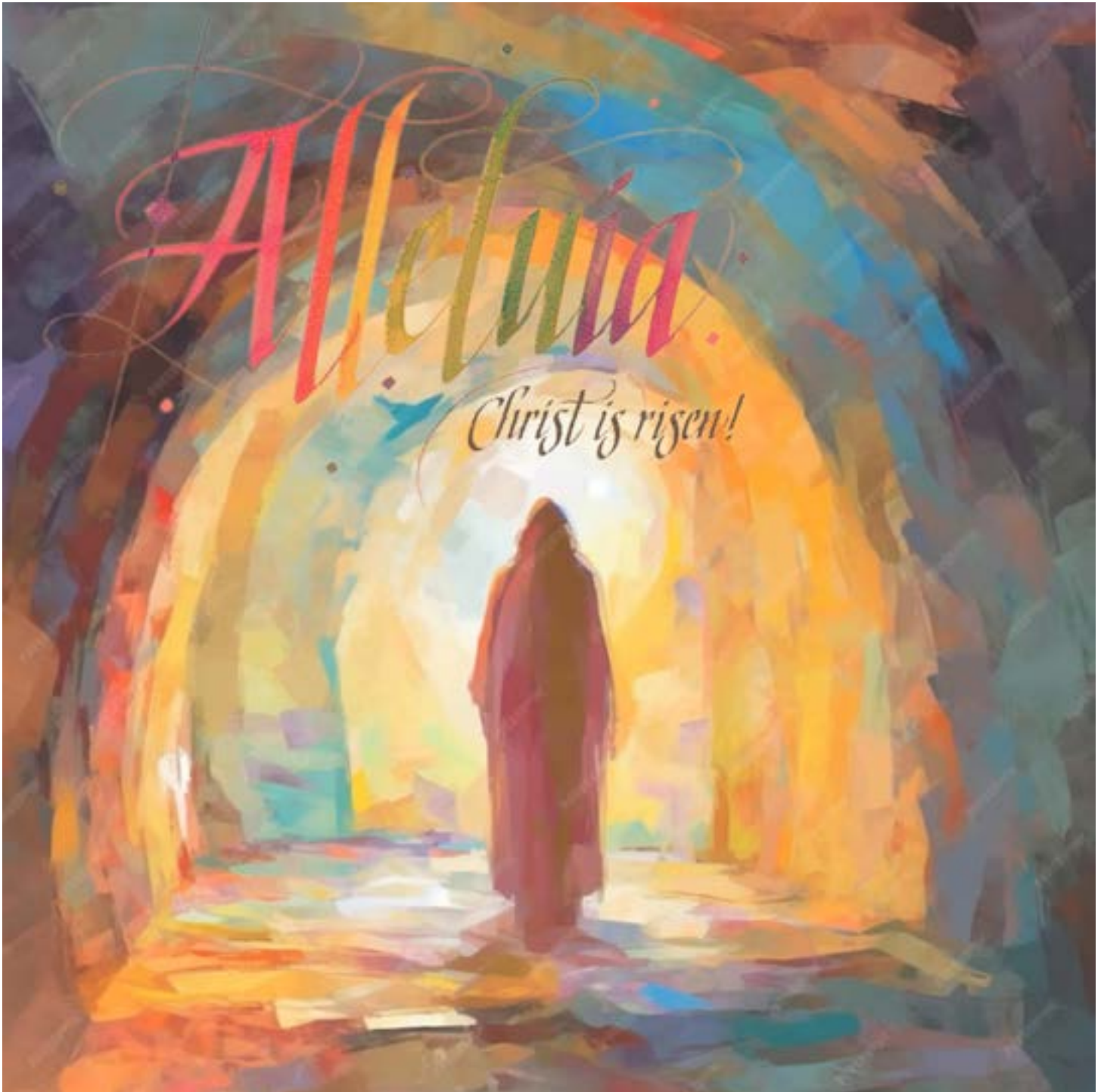


# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE



## 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 AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS  
VERGERS – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

*Serving for Altar Guild:* Nancy Hill, Donna Sibley • *Serving as Ushers:* Todd Edmondson, Kirk Smith  
*Serving as Acolytes:* Madeline Solomon, Robert White, Virginia White • *Serving as Lay Reader:* Susan Crow  
*Serving as Communion Stewards:* Ethan White, Kathy White

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, Chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Reggie Holder

PRELUDE

**Sinfonia in D Major**  
Op. 18, No. 1, Movement I  
The Chamber Orchestra

Johann Christian Bach (1756-1791)

\*EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

\*HYMN 302

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**  
*Congregation, The Choir, and Chamber Orchestra*

EASTER HYMN  
Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

\*COLLECT FOR EASTER

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

*Let us pray: Most Glorious God, who on this day delivered us by the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and made your whole creation new: grant that we who celebrate with joy His rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness: through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.**

*Verse Sung by the Choir*

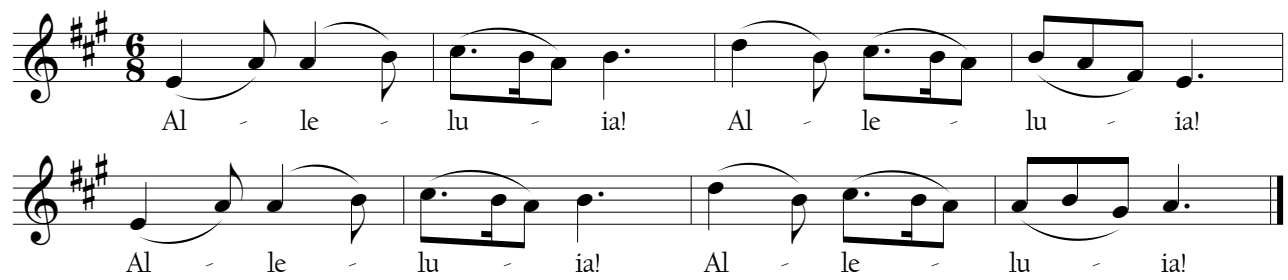
**For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43  
*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 16:1-8

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

**THE HOMILY**

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leslie Williams

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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

*The orchestral setting of A Community Mass by Richard Proulx was placed in the music library to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Smith by Rick and Ellen Buckner and Rick and Suzanne Phillips.*

**\*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION & THE PEACE**

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

**GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES**

Reggie Holder

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing**

*Ralph Vaughn Williams (1842-1958)*

*The Choir and Chamber Orchestra*

*Text, George Herbert*

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: my God and King,  
 The heavens are not too high; his praise may thither flie;  
 The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.  
 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: my God and King,  
 The Church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out;  
 But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: my God and King.*

**\*DOXOLOGY 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 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.*



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_

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



A - men. A - men. A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

### Agnus Dei The Choir

Richard Proulx

*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

Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Gluten-free communion wafers available upon request. Congregants are welcome to kneel at the chancel rail for prayer before returning to their seats.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### ANTHEM

#### Ave Verum

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)

The Choir and Chamber Orchestra

English translation by Norman Greyson

*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.*

### VOLUNTARY

#### Allegro con spirito

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Chamber Orchestra

### ANTHEM

#### Very Bread

Randolph Currie (b.1945)

The Choir

Text, St. Thomas Aquinas from *Lauda Sion*

*Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us; Jesus, with thy love befriend us;*

*Thou refresh us, thou defend us, thine eternal goodness send us, in the land of life to see:*

*Thou who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such food bestowest,*

*Grant us with thy saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.*

### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love that we may go forth into the world proclaiming resurrection and new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

#### Hallelujah Chorus

George Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

from MESSIAH

Text, Revelation 19:6; 11: 15

The Choir and Chamber Orchestra

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth*

*The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;*

*and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

### \*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN IN PROCESSION 327

#### Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Congregation, The Choir, and Chamber Orchestra

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Verses 1 & 2

### \*EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

**The congregation is invited to be seated until the conclusion of the Voluntary.**

**Those who wish to leave are asked to do so quietly.**

### VOLUNTARY

#### Concerto in D Major

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Movement No. 1, RV 121

The Orchestra

## EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS

*The flowers adoring our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God:*

*In honor of Jane Neill by Phil, Sara, Anna, and Ben Amthor*

*In honor of Rebecca Amthor by Phil, Sara, Anna, and Ben Amthor*

*In honor of Mary Hannah and Grant Robinson, given by Kathi and Roger Ash*

*In honor of Highlands United Methodist Church, given by CB and Alice Cook*

*In memory of Rev. Dr. John & Edna Massimilla and William & Alice Cook, given by CB and Alice Massimilla Cook*

*In honor of Mary Elizabeth Neal, Lindsay Dawson, and Polly Dawson, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In memory of James S. & Margie B. Neal and Sylvia & Wayne Maltbie, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In memory of George M. & Edith K. Clegg and James Morgan Clegg, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In honor of Richard C. Phillips and The Choir, given by Renee Peacock*

*In honor of Anne Rand, Reggie Holder, and the members of the EFM class, given by Renee Peacock*

*In honor of Ondene W. Johnson, given by Tyra Johnson-Pirtle*

*In memory Thomas Neal Johnson, given by Tyra Johnson-Pirtle*

*In honor of Anne Spence Fox and Reagan Spence, given by Benjie Spence*

*In honor of Ben and Carol Padgett, given by Dan, Alison, and Lucas Starnes*

*In honor of Highlands' Community Ministries and all who make it happen, given by Scott and Laura Williams*

*In grateful appreciation for the people of Highlands UMC, given by Scott and Laura Williams*

*Given by Mark Chambers and Joy McPherson*

*Given by Denise Williams*

## THE ORCHESTRA

Tara Mueller, Violin

Pei-Ju Wu, Violin

Lucina Horner, Viola

Warren Samples, Cello

Blake Hilley, Bass

Bill Williams, Timpani

Lauri Middaugh, Organ



# 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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### 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 card, 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).



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