



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018
10:30 A.M. SERVICE



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 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.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

*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 Communion Stewards: Beth Douthit, Creighton Mason, Deidre Mason

Serving as Acolytes: Elizabeth Hargrove, Maggie Hargrove, Michele Nailen, Norah Trench

Serving as Verger: Wilson Nash

Serving as Lay Reader: Kathleen Lalor

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Chorale Prelude on O Welt, ich muß dich lassen
(O Food to Pilgrims Given)
Text, UMH 631

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION
Organ Improvisation: Gerre Hancock

*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.

*THE DECALOGUE (*Sung by The Choir*)

Setting: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Cantor: Thomas Head

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 19:7-14 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

*7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

*8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

*9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

*10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

*11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

*14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Musical Setting: John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585)

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings; the memory of them weighs us down, the burden of them is too great for us to bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Almighty God have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

Call to Remembrance
The Choir

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness which hath been ever old.
O remember not the sins and the offences of my youth,
According to Thy mercy, think on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.*

Richard Farrant (1530-1581)

Text, adapted Psalm 25

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100TH

*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.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*Sung by The Choir*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung by The Choir*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM

Ave Verum

The Choir

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

Translation: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross Thy sacred Body, For us men 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. Amen.

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Text, Traditional

ANTHEM

Communion Meditation

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

The Handbell Choir

Kathy Burdette, Director

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 372

How Can We Sinners Know, verses 1, 3, 6

ST. MICHAEL

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

*Chorale Prelude on O welt, ich muss dich Lassen
O Food to Pilgrims Given
Text, UMH 631*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



Highlands *Lenten Services*

Each Sunday During Lent

8:30 AM in the Chapel

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Contemplative Worship

Be Still: Compline, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:15 AM – Palm Sunday Procession from Brother Bryan Park

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Liturgy for Good Friday, March 30 at NOON in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, March 30 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday – April 1

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
with members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra

be still

A CONTEMPLATIVE
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

7:00 PM
MARCH 11, 2018



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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