



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR RECOGNITION

MAY 19, 2019

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

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.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

A RECONCILING CONGREGATION



www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

- † 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 ages 4 – 2nd grade may attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall; older children will return to sit with their families. If this is your child's first time attending Children's Church at Highlands, 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.
- † Parking for visitors and those with limited mobility is available in the lot located directly behind the church building, just off Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church and at the public parking deck on Magnolia Avenue.

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

PREACHING – LUKE SLIGH

LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON, THE REVEREND DEB WELSH, AND REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Beth Douthit

Serving as Ushers: Celia & Jeff Davenport

Serving as Acolytes: Sam Jones, Ben Shacka, Hannah Wheeler, Lydia Wheeler

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Psalm Cantors: Norah and RYanne Trench

Serving as Psalm Readers: Eliza Penfield, Austin Meredith, Katie Soong

Serving as Lay Reader: Nathan Jones

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Offertory in B Flat Major
from Twelve Pieces for Organ

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 62

All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1, 4-7)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

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

O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.

*THE PEACE

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

*VENITE

Psalm 95: Come, Sing With Joy to God

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa - vior praise; come
The heights and depths of earth are cra - dled in God's hand; the



en - ter in with shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y
same al - mighty power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship



God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.
God, come kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

Refrain (The cantors will sing the refrain first, followed by all.)

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun - tains

high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!
 God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.
- ² The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- ³ The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. R
- All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous songs and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord! R
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and everything in it, the world, and those who dwell in it!
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
 let the hills sing together for joy before the Lord,
- ⁹ Let them sing before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.
 The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. R

EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE (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.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

THE PRAYERS

Eliza Penfield

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Loving and eternal God, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in life or death can ever part us from your love for us in Jesus Christ our Savior; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Keep This Prayer

The Choir

Keep this prayer in our hearts and minds, O Lord. Amen.

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Text, Selected texts from the scriptures

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

SENIOR CLASS RECOGNITION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Was Glad

The Choir

*I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.*

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848 – 1918)

Text, Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7

***DOXOLOGY 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Virginia Hunt and Victoria Thompson

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***SEQUENCE HYMN 400**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

BALM IN GILEAD

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 13:31-35

THE SERMON

Luke Sligh

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 707

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

The UMYF Benediction

The Youth of Highlands

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace; Amen.*

John Rutter (b 1945)

Numbers 6:24-26

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G Major
from Twelve Pieces for Organ

Henry Thomas Smart

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Please join us downstairs in the Greeting Space following worship for a reception in honor of our graduating seniors.

Senior Class 2019



Graham Holder

Graham Anderson Holder is the son of Kristin Harper and Reggie Holder. Graham has grown up at Highlands and has served as acolyte and as a volunteer with Community Ministries and Vacation Bible School. Graham is an avid soccer player and has played both club soccer and on the Varsity Men's Team at Indian Springs for four years. At Springs, Graham has served as Commissioner of Recreation and worked in the school's organic garden and market. After graduating from Indian Springs School, Graham will attend Rhodes College in Memphis.



Neal Pirtle

Neal Winston Pirtle is the son of Winston Pirtle and Tyra Johnson-Pirtle. He has been active at Highlands since early childhood, participating in Sunday school classes, vacation bible school, youth activities and for many years served as an acolyte. Neal wrestled competitively 7 years for Vestavia Hills school, played baseball and during his youth years played football and basketball. In his free time Neal enjoys playing the drums and attending music festivals. Neal is graduating from Vestavia Hills High School and will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall where he plans to study political science with a concentration in constitutional law.



Jack Trench

Jack Hansen Trench is the son of Lynne and Bart Trench. He has been a member of Highlands his whole life, participating in Christmas pageants, acolyting and the youth group. Jack is graduating from Vestavia Hills High School with an Advanced Academic Diploma with Honors. He is a member of the National Honor Society, a Peer Tutor, and is involved in clubs related to computers, politics, and vocational readiness. He loves animals and has volunteered at the Birmingham Zoo and Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Jack has long been interested in designing and building and has attended an Architecture Camp at Auburn and has worked for the past year at a local architecture firm. He will attend Auburn University in the fall to pursue an architecture degree on a Founder's Scholarship.



Highlands
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Love God • Serve Your Neighbor

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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