



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2022

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



### ALL ARE WELCOME

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GLORY TO YOU

John Rutter (b.1945)



Glo-ry to you, — Lord God of our fa-ters; — you are wor-thy of praise;



glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you — for the ra-di-ance of your



ho-ly name; — we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er. —



Glo-ry to you, — in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; — on the throne of your ma-jes-ty,



glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you seat-ed be-tween the Che-ru-



bim; — we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er. —



Glo-ry to you, — be-hold-ing the depths; — in the high vault of hea-ven,



glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you — Fa-ther, Son — and Ho-ly



Spi-rit; — we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er. —

# ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON  
LITURGISTS – REGGIE HOLDER, LESLIE WILLIAMS  
CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS  
VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

*Serving for Altar Guild:* Linda Gaffney  
*Serving as Ushers:* Danny Jones, Phil Amthor  
*Serving as Lay Reader:* Gordon Short

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Kara Cargile, chimer*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Agincourt Hymn

*John Dunstable (1390-1453)*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise  
*Verses 1, 2, and 4*

LLANFAIR  
*Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne*

\*COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*  
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 facing page*)

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

*Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

*May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.*

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

*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: William Mathias (1934-1992)*

## \*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*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**

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

**GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES**

Reggie Holder

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Hallelujah, Amen**

*from Judas Maccabaeus*

*The Choir*

*Hallelujah, Amen;*

*O Judah, rejoice! Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,*

*With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.*

*Hallelujah, Amen!*

*George Fredrick Handel (1685-1759)*

*Text, Thomas Morell*

**\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*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 pow - er and might.

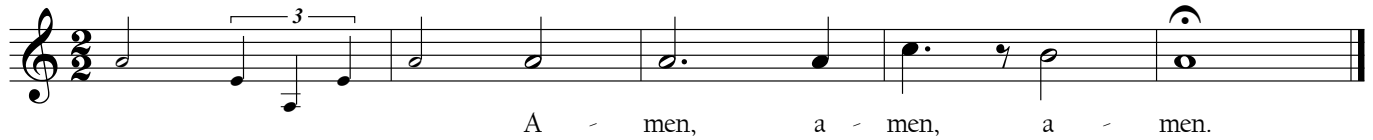
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 ris - en, 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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

### Jesus Lamb of God

*The Choir*

*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

Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive Holy Communion and be mindful of social distancing while waiting to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Pre-packaged elements are available at the chancel rails.

**Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table.**

## COMMUNION HYMN 630

### Become to Us the Living Bread

*The Choir and Congregation*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

## COMMUNION HYMN 307

### Christ is Risen

*The Choir and Congregation*

W ZLOBIE LIEZY

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## \*HYMN 154

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Verses 1, 4, and 6*

CORONATION

*Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble*

## \*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

# HIGHLANDS ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

**JUNE 5**  
**MICHAEL WILSON**  
FOUNDING PRINCIPAL  
MAGIC CITY  
ACCEPTANCE ACADEMY



**GARRETT HARPER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
URBAN MINISTRIES  
**JUNE 12**



**JUNE 19**  
**DANIEL COLEMAN**  
PRESIDENT  
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE



**JOHN ARCHIBALD**  
**JUNE 26**  
AUTHOR, JOURNALIST, AND  
PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

**LARRY BRASHER**  
RETIRED PROFESSOR OF RELIGION  
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE  
**JULY 10**



**JULY 17**  
**JEANNE JACKSON**  
NON-PROFIT CONSULTANT  
THE WOMEN'S FUND

**JULY 24**  
**RACHEL ESTES**  
DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH  
CANTERBURY UMC



**MOLLIE ERICKSON**  
**JULY 31**  
WELLNESS COORDINATOR  
ONE PLACE BIRMINGHAM



**AUGUST 7**  
STUDENT  
YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL  
**SUTTON SMITH**



**THIS IS MY FAITH**

**DAVE BARNHART**  
PASTOR  
ST. JUNIA UMC  
**AUGUST 21**



**AUGUST 28**  
**CONNIE HILL**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
GIRLS, INC.

**9:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



# 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.*

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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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### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit [www.highlandsumc.net](http://www.highlandsumc.net) for more information.*
- Face masks are encouraged but not required throughout the building.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways and in restroom facilities.

*If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship COVID protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.*

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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/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).*