



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND HENRY GIBSON

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

David Busby, chimer

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

Trisagion on NICAEA

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

*HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

NICAEA
Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

*O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.
We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.*

PSALTER (*Sung by The Choir*)

Psalm 29:1-6
Afferte Domino

Anglican Chant: Henry George Ley (1887-1962)

¹*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

³*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴*The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

⁵*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

⁶*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

*CANTICLE

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)



Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; 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.

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

John 3:1-17

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

from The Crucifixion

The Choir

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Text, John 3:16-17

*HYMN 62

All Creatures of Our God and King

(verses 1 & 7)

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Following the retiring procession, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary.

RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on NICAEA

Carolyn Hamlin (b. 1943)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please maintain safe social distancing as you greet one another and exit.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

OFFERING

You may leave a cash or check offering in the offering plates near the Sanctuary exits as you leave the service today. 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 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

For a complete listing of this week's announcements and events, visit www.highlandsumc.net/calendar or see our Friday morning Happening at Highlands emails. To sign up for email announcements, visit www.highlandsumc.net and scroll to the bottom of the page. For questions about email communications from Highlands, contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

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.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Social distancing and face masks that cover both the mouth and nose are required throughout the building. We are mindful of those in our community who have not yet been vaccinated or who – like our young children – are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine, and choose to continue these safety precautions until they can be fully vaccinated.
- Congregants may enter the Sanctuary through the Prayer Garden or the Greeting Space. Greeters will welcome congregants at both entrances. Masks are available at these entrances if you do not have one.
- Seating in the Sanctuary is arranged to maintain social distancing. Please sit only in designated pews.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- At the close of the service, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary. As you exit the Sanctuary, please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways.
- All restroom facilities are open. Please be mindful of social distance in restrooms and adjacent corridors.
- The Sanctuary and restrooms will be cleaned thoroughly prior to and after each service.

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

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 by 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.



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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