



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

### MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 9, 2021 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND HENRY GIBSON

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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## ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Savannah Busby, chimer*

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

**Prelude in A Minor**

*Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)*

*from Two Compositions for Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

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

\*HYMN 139

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**  
*(verses 1, 4 & 5)*

LOBE DEN HERREN  
*Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne*

\*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 98:1-6**  
*Cantate Domino*

*Anglican Chant: John Randall (1715-1799)*

<sup>1</sup> *O sing unto the Lord a new song for he hath done marvelous things.*

<sup>2</sup> *With his own right hand, and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory.*

<sup>3</sup> *The Lord declared his salvation, his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.*

<sup>4</sup> *He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.*

<sup>5</sup> *Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.*

<sup>6</sup> *Praise the Lord upon the harp, sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.*

*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.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

*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-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.

\*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

John 15:9-17

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

THE HOMILY

Reggie Holder

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Reverend Henry Gibson

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

The Choir

*I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.*

Everett Titcomb (1884 - 1968)

Text, Holy Scriptures adapted from John 14:18

\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Maestoso in D Major

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

*from Three Short Postludes for Organ*

\*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](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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

*For a complete listing of this week’s announcements and events, visit [www.highlandsumc.net/calendar](http://www.highlandsumc.net/calendar) or see our Friday morning Happening at Highlands emails. To sign up for email announcements, visit [www.highlandsumc.net](http://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](mailto:maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net).*



# WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



## A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

[www.highlandsumc.net/rmn](http://www.highlandsumc.net/rmn)

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Seating in the Sanctuary is spaced carefully to maintain social distancing. The pews to be used are identified by a black foam tube on the top of the pew rail. Each pew may contain up to five people who are living together or have been in close contact throughout the pandemic.
- Bulletins will be placed on the pews prior to the start of the service.
- Social distancing and face masks that cover both the mouth and nose are required throughout the building.
- Congregants may enter the Sanctuary through the Prayer Garden or the Greeting Space. Those without limited mobility are encouraged to use the Prayer Garden entrance.
- Greeters will meet congregants at the Sanctuary entrances to take your temperature using a hand-held thermal device. To be admitted, congregants' temperature must be no more than 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 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. If you are sitting on the Magnolia Avenue side of the sanctuary or have limited mobility, you are encouraged to exit through the Greeting Space. Those who are seated on the 11th Avenue side of the sanctuary are encouraged to exit through the Prayer Garden. The front doors may be used to exit the Sanctuary by those who are sitting in the balcony; however, once you exit, the door will lock behind you.
- All restroom facilities will be open. Please do not over-crowd the restrooms.
- 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 church administrator Dick L'Eplattenier at 205-933-8751 or [dick@highlandsumc.net](mailto:dick@highlandsumc.net).*

### 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.



### 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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