



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEAST FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME

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ORDER FOR CHORAL HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGIST – LESLIE WILLIAMS
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Barkemeyer
Serving as Ushers: Adam Caldwell, Craig Taylor
Serving as Acolytes: Dylan Higgs, Miriam Hudson, Andrew Salser, Will Soong
Serving as Thurifer: Warren Laird
Serving as Lay Reader and Communion Steward: Karen Holton

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimera

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Air in F Major

Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE
Descant Setting: Amos Hudson

*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.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sung by The Choir*)

Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one community and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17
May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.

PSALTER (*Sung by The Choir*)

Psalm 34:1-8
Benedicam Dominum

Anglican Chant: Charles Frederick South (1850-1916)

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

⁵Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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 3:1-3

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

*SEQUENCE HYMN 79

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT

Verses 1-3 and 7

*GOSPEL LESSON

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

The Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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: Missa for Holy Eucharist - Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)

*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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lux Aeterna
from REQUIEM

The Choir

Tessa Brown, soprano soloist

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours. Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest.”

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine. Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam Dona eis Domine.

Et lux per petua luceat eis. Requiem aeternam Dona eis Domine; Requiem aeternam.

Latin Translation: Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray, with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy’s sake, may they rest in peace.

Grant them eternal Lord, our God, we pray thee, and light perpetual shine on them forever. Grant them rest eternal.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS & 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT:

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Sung by The Choir)

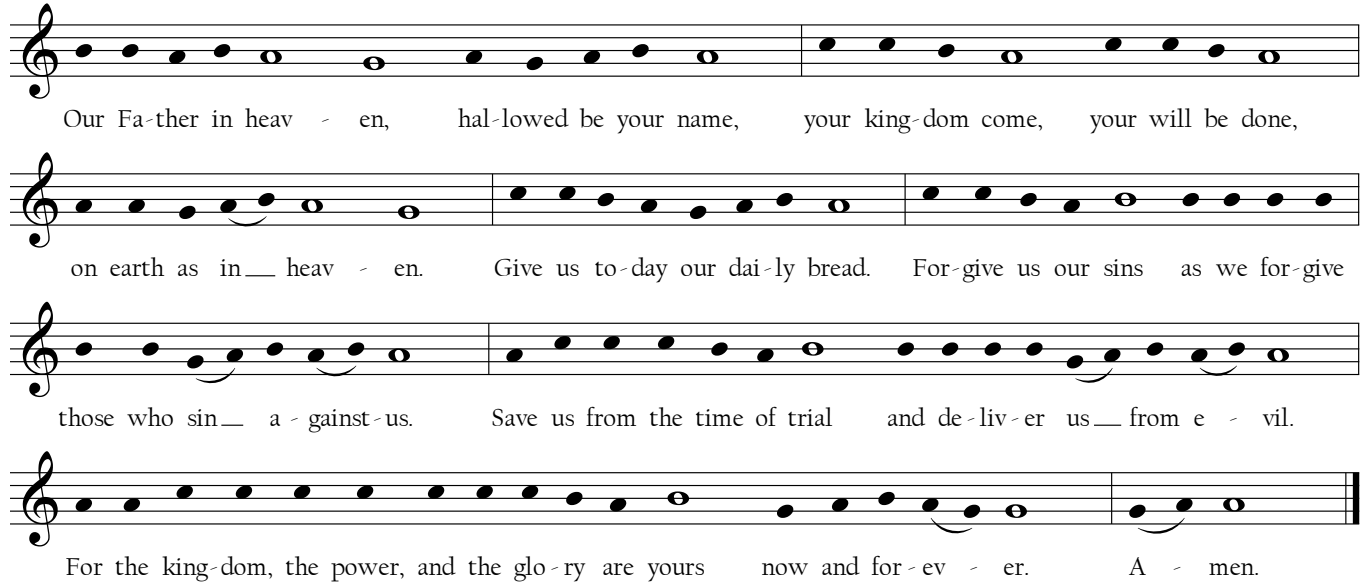
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

CELEBRANT:

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

AMEN (Sung by The Choir)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung by all)



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in__ heav - en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin__ a - gainst-us. Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us__ from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI (Sung by The Choir)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

Nancy Holton
Paul Huck, Jr.
Judy Mills
Yvonne Norton
James Spencer
Vastine Stabler

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Congregants are welcome to kneel at the chancel rail for prayer before returning to their seats. **Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table.**

COMMUNION MOTET

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The Choir

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

E. C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Edward Caswall

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gates of glory. May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 709

Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above

FOREST GREEN

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

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

*VOLUNTARY

Postlude in C Major

Henry Smart (1813-1879)



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

ALL ARE WELCOME

A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – 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.

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 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.
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