



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1045 20th Street South • Birmingham, AL 35205

FAURÉ REQUIEM

November 5, 2017
All Saints Sunday
10:30 AM worship



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.

- † All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade may attend Children's Church. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child downstairs in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.
- † Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please pick up a guest welcome bag after worship to learn more about Highlands. 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.
- † Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

ORDER OF SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Setting: *Messe de Requiem, Op. 48*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

The Choir

Thomas Head, baritone

William Gignilliat, Jack Langloh, & Bailey Litton, trebles

PREACHER AND CELEBRANT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

*Congregation please stand.

Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving as Altar Guild: Louise Brasher, Stephanie Braswell

Serving as Ushers: Scott Chramer, Dan Sibley

Serving as Communion Servers: Steve Alexander, Caitlin Mullin

Serving as Acolytes: Austin Meredith, Michele Nailen, Hannah Wheeler, Lydia Wheeler

Serving as Vergers: Brian Bellenger, Wilson Nash

Serving as Lay Reader: Anne Buckley

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME

(The congregation stands at the entrance of The Choir.)

*INTROIT AND KYRIE

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual forever shine on them. Thou, O God, art worshipped in holy Sion: unto thee the vow shall be performed in Jerusalem. Hear us, Lord; Lord, hear thy servants' prayer: Lord, unto thee all flesh shall come.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

*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.

(Please be seated after the Collect.)

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.)

*SEQUENCE HYMN 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE
Descant Setting: Amos Hudson

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*THE INVITATION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum depoenis inferni, et de profundo lacu: O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis, ne absorbeat tartarus: O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, ne cadant in obscurum. Hostias et preces tibi Domine laudis offirimus: tu suscipe pro animabus Wis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius. O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum depoenis inferni, et de profundo lacu: ne cadant in obscurum. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty, Oh free the souls of thy faithful departed from torment eternal and from the fathomless waters: Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty, O free the souls of thy faithful departed from out of the lion's jaw, lest they drown in the depths of hell: Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty, O save them from utter darkness. Hear our prayer and let our cry come unto thee; God our Father, bow thine ear: we pray this day for all the souls departed; O remember them, Lord, we pray. Grant them, Lord, deliverance from death unto life, we pray thee, as of old thou hast promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed. Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty, Free the souls of thy faithful departed from torment eternal and from the fathomless waters. Save them, O Lord, from the darkness of hell. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis sempiternam requiem. Lux Aeterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: O grant them rest for evermore. Hear us, hear us, O Lamb of God: we pray thee, Saviour of all the world, O grant them eternal rest. Lamb of God, who takest away our sins, O grant them eternal rest; peace be with them evermore. Light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with all thy saints in endless glory, for thy tender mercy's sake. Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual forever shine on them.

LIBERA ME

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem Tremensfactus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussion venerit, atque ventura ira. Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae, dies magna et amara valde. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lord, I pray deliver me from death's everlasting fire on that great Day of Judgment, on that last dreadful day; when the earth and the heav'ns shall shake and tremble, and thou shalt come with thy mighty flaming fire of judgment. Trembling, trembling I stand before thee in fear and dread; thy wrath shall descend on the earth and bring all flesh to desolation. Day of trial, day of judgment, death and destruction, torment and distress; day of anger, day of vengeance, day of mourning, of woe and bitter grief. Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee, and light perpetual shine forever on them.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

IN PARADISUM

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanetam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

God's holy angels lead you to paradise; may saints in their glory receive you at your journey's end, guiding your footsteps into the Holy City Jerusalem. Choirs of angels sing you to your rest; and with Lazarus raised to eternal life, may you for evermore rest in peace.

*THE BLESSING AND SOLEMN PROCESSION

...the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.



A - men.

(A period of silence is kept until The Choir has departed.)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

This Solemn Requiem, one of the many jewels in the liturgical crown of worship, begins and ends in silence. In between, glorious music, full of yearning and hope, fills the church and our hearts as we remember all those who have gone before us.

The setting of the REQUIEM by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) has become one of the most well known and frequently performed works of the 20th century. The composer began work on the score in 1887, for no apparent reason, although his mother died during the early stages of the work's composition; the first performance given at La Madeleine in Paris in 1888 was dedicated to her memory. A year after that first performance, Fauré added two more movements, the *Offertoire* and the *Libera Me*, and the work that we know was first performed in full at La Madeleine in January 1893. The texts chosen by Fauré for his Requiem are not entirely in keeping with the conventional structure of the Requiem Mass, and his desire to represent the more peaceful aspects of death is represented in his choice of the *In Paradisum* from the Burial Service to end the work. The last two lines of the Sequence for the Dead (*Pie Jesu*) are also, unusually, turned into a complete movement. Indeed, the composer limits the *Dies Irae* to a few bars (where Verdi and Mozart wrote vivid and powerful full movements), returning very quickly to the serenity and calm that characterize the whole piece. When criticized for avoiding the horrors of purgatory and the Last Judgement, Fauré replied, "It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death, and some have called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience."



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.*