



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

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.

GLORIA

Richard Proulx

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*(Sung by the Choir) 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 a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord. You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Beth Crane
Serving as Ushers: Malcolm Carmichael, Gordon Short
Serving as Lay Reader: Kathleen Lalor
Serving as Acolytes: Julia Stowe, Millie Taylor, Robert White
Serving as Communion Stewards: Vance Holder, Michele Nailen

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Festive March
The Handbell Choir
Kathy Burdette, director

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Verses 1-4

CORONATION
Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*)

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

(Sung by the Choir)

*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 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

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 Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Reggie Holder

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Musical Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION & THE PEACE

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 of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

Reggie Holder

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

The Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments of thee that by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be. Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Text, Percy Dearmer

***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 power and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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 ri - sen, 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.

A - men. A - men. A - men. _____

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
The Choir

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

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 ANTHEM

Thee We Adore

*founded on the Plainsong Hymn: Adoro te devote
The Choir*

*Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*

*O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.*

*Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.*

*O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

Translation by St. Thomas Aquinas

COMMUNION HYMN 624

Bread of the World
The Choir and Congregation

EUCCHARISTIC SONG

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.

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH HYMN OF THE MONTH

Liam Stowe

*HYMN 620

One Bread, One Body
Hymn of the Month chosen by the Highlands Youth Group

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE ENNEAGRAM:

A PATHWAY TO HEALING
AND WHOLENESS

Join Dr. Joseph Howell and the faculty of the Institute for Conscious Being as we explore the basics of the Enneagram and embark on an experiential journey to your soul child, the purest part of our being. Created from our original goodness, this inner child is our essence and a direct connection to the divine within.

This conference is open to all regardless of faith or religious tradition.



The Institute for
CONSCIOUS BEING

Register On [Eventbrite](#)

OCTOBER 13TH-14TH

Highlands United Methodist Church
1045 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205



Registration Cost: \$175

Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres on Friday, snacks and lunch on Saturday, and a copy of Dr. Joseph B. Howell's book, *Becoming Conscious: The Enneagram's Forgotten Passageway*.





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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