

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2020



*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.*

**In order to comply with current COVID-19 guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask and practice safe social distancing the entire time you are in the church. Please do not congregate in the Greeting Space or hallways after the service. If you wish to talk with fellow parishioners, please move outside. Thank you.**

# A Service of Music and Prayer

OFFICIANT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON  
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

*\*Those who are able will please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.*

PRELUDE

Reverie

Alexandr  Bo ly (1785-1858)

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*HYMN 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

\*INVITATORY

*O Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall show forth your praise.  
Make haste, O God, to deliver us. Make haste to help us, O Lord.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

MEINKE

**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.**

PSALTER (*Sung by The Choir*)

Psalm 146; *Lauda, anima mea*  
Anglican Chant Setting: Thomas Norris (1741-1790)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.  
<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;  
<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

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

\*CANTICLE

The First Song of Isaiah

*Jack Noble White (b. 1938)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
See that they remember that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
And this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

THE ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

*David Busby, Lindsay Dawson, Thomas Head, Mary Elizabeth Neal*

*Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I thy true Son. O thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.  
High King of heaven my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall, O still be my vision, thou ruler of all!*

*Irish Folk Song*

*Text, Ancient Irish*

*Arranged by Carlton Young (b.1926)*

THE PRAYERS

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER 894

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, care for the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

**INTERCESSIONS**

*...Lord in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this life and all its blessings, for joys great and simple, for gifts and powers more than we deserve, for love at the heart of your purpose and wisdom in all your works, for light in the world brought once in Christ and always shining through your Spirit. Giving thanks to you, we pray for that light to dawn upon us daily, that we may always have grateful hearts and a will to love and serve you to the end of our days. Hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**Gavotte in F Major**

*William Boyce (1710-1779)*



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