



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2019 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – MIKAH HUDSON

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Leslie Davis • *Serving as Ushers:* John McFarlin, Gordon Short

Serving as Acolytes: Sophia Green, Ben Shacka, Cade Smith, TK

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger • *Serving as Lay Reader:* John Marshall Rathmell

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Savannah Busby, chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on JESUS LOVES ME

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 707

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

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O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.

*THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS & PARISH NOTICES

BECAUSE OF HIGHLANDS MOMENT

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we also do for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The children will sing the Response first, followed by all.



Come, come, come, let us wor-ship, let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (R)

³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

⁴ In his hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land. (R)

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our god,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (R)

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE (See pew insert)

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O For the Wings of a Dove

The Choir

Lindsay Dawson, soprano soloist

*O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I roam!
In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Text, Psalm 55:1-7

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

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THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

Children of all ages are invited to participate. Following the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal. Children ages 4 to 3rd grade may then attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall; older children will return to sit with their families. If this is your child's first time attending Children's Choir and Children's Church at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

*HYMN 558

We Are the Church (verses 1, 2, & 4)

PORT JERVIS

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace
The Children of Highlands

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on NEW BRITAIN

Dale Wood

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

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- † All children are welcome to participate fully in worship. Families are encouraged to sit toward the front so that your children can see and hear all that takes place during worship. Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available at the Sanctuary entrances for use during worship. A nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger; an usher will be happy to direct you.
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- † Please visit the hospitality table in the Greeting Space after worship for a small gift and some information about the Highlands family. 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.
- † If you would like to receive updates from Highlands about our upcoming worship services, study opportunities, and events, text HIGHLANDS to 84576, visit www.highlandsumc.net/email, or contact the church office.
- † Parking for visitors and those with limited mobility is available in the lot located directly behind the church building, just off Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church and at the public parking deck on Magnolia Avenue.
- † 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 – all were to be 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 contact us 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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