



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2019 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – THE REVEREND HENRY GIBSON

LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON & THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

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: Austin Meredith, Robert White, Virginia White

Serving as Verger: Andrew Salser • *Serving as Lay Reader:* Malcolm Carmichael

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Savannah Busby, chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRELUDE

Michael Pretorius (1571-1621)

Fantasia Chorale Prelude on EIN' FESTE BURG

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

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.

*VENITE

Psalm 95: Come, Sing With Joy to God

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa - vior praise; come
The heights and depths of earth are cra - dled in God's hand; the



en - ter in with shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y
same al - might - y power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship



God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.
God, come kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

GREETINGS & PARISH NOTICES

BECAUSE OF HIGHLANDS MOMENT

Alison Grizzle Starnes

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM 65 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Henry Smart (1823-1879)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

⁶You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

THE LESSON

Joel 2:23-32

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CANTICLE (See pew insert)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

*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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Grant Us, O Lord

The Choir

*Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you. Graft in our hearts the love of your name.
Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. Amen.*

Richard Phillips (b. 1959)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

from Ein Deutsches Requiem

The Choir

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore!*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Text, Psalm 84:1,2,4

*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 ages 4 to 3rd grade may 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 Church at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.

*HYMN 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

EBENEZER

THE SERMON

The Reverend Henry Gibson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 729

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

*RETIRING VOLUNTARIES

Chorale Prelude on EIN' FESTE BURG

Johann C. Kittle (1732-1809)

Toccata in D Minor

BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Join us on All Saints Sunday, November 3, for a celebration of the communion of the saints featuring the Rutter Requiem.
We will worship as one church family at the 10:30 AM service; there will be no 8:30 AM service that Sunday.*



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

www.highlandsumc.net/rmn

- † 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.
- † Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Children's Moment. Following Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal. Children ages 4 – 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 Church at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.
- † 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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