

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

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Order for Morning Worship

Preaching – Reggie Holder

Liturgist & Verger – Leslie Williams

Choirmaster and Organist – Richard Phillips

*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: Adelia Arnold, Polly Dawson, Austin Meredith

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Reggie Holder

PRELUDE

Meditation on Irish Tune SLANE Text, UMH 451 Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

*Hymn in Procession 62

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verses 1, 3, 4, and 7

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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.

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.

*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 en-ter in with shouts of joy, your The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might-y power made moun-tains,



voic - es raise. O might - y God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored. sea, and land. Come wor - ship God, come kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

The Choir

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

Glory be 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

Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9, 12-20

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

*CANTICLE (See inside front cover)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name. We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim. We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

THE HOMILY Reggie Holder

*Affirmation of Faith 883

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

AFFIRMATION OF PAITH 663

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.

THE PRAYERS Leslie Williams

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments, and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O For the Wings of a Dove from Hear My Prayer The Choir Rachel Satterwhite, soprano soloist

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

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Text, William Bartholomew adapted from Psalm 55:6

*Doxology with Alleluias 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Hymn 729

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

*Blessing and Sending Forth

ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

Hope Intertwined With Grief

With special guests



Joshua Davis Pianist



Tessa Brown Soprano



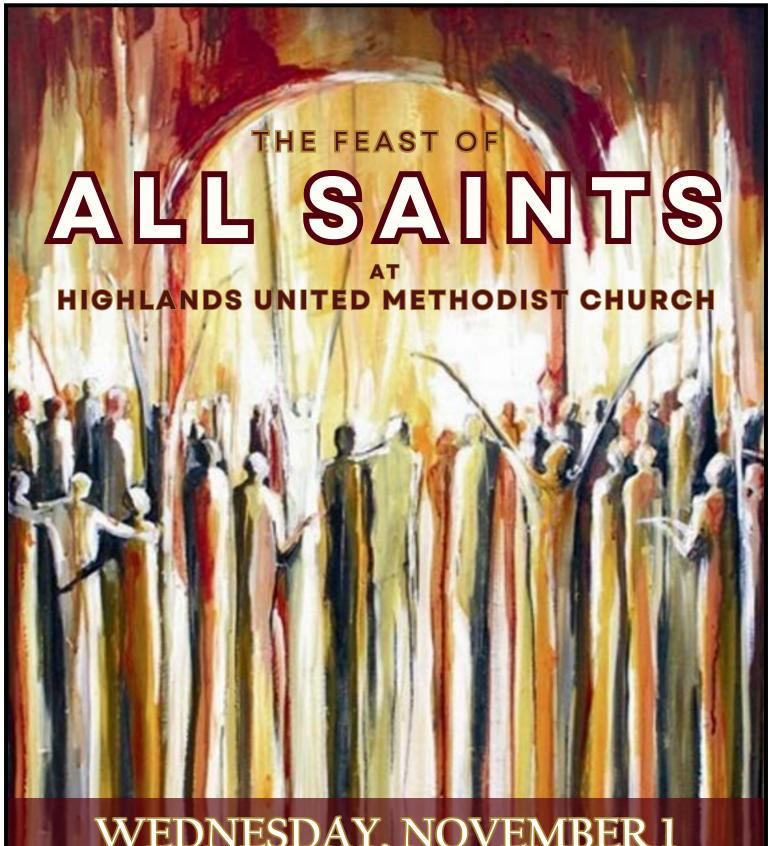
Donny Snyder Cellist

A recital exploring two human experiences that miraculously intertwine. Featuring the works of Bach, Ravel, Mussorgsky,

Hayes and more.

Highlands United Methodist Church Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Free Admission



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations requested.



Service of Choral Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.



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 <u>www.highlandsumc.net/giving</u> 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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