

Welcome and News for the Community

Nina Maples

Invitation to Worship

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The Ringing of the Angelus Bell

The three-fold ringing of the Angelus Bell signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. As the final vibrations of the bell fade away, open your heart to the One who is nearer than your breath.

How I Listen . . . What I Hear

Call to Prayer

Speak, Lord, Your Servants Listen

The music may be found in the middle panel of today's bulletin.

Lectio Divina – A Sacred Reading of God's Word

Jill Ligon Davis

The Epistle Lesson

Walter McWhorter

Romans 5:1-11 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Gathering Our Offerings (478)

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

Stanzas One and Two

The Gospel Lesson

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John 4:5-30, 39-42 (Pew Bible pages 93-94 – NT)

Homily

Looking vs. Seeing

Hymn of Praise

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Please sing stanzas one and three from the far right panel of today's bulletin.

Benediction

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. . . a prayer of silence, simplicity, contemplative and meditative unity, a deep personal integration in an attentive, watchful listening of the "heart." The response such prayer calls forth is not usually one of jubilation or audible witness: it is a wordless and total surrender of the heart in silence.

~ Thomas Merton

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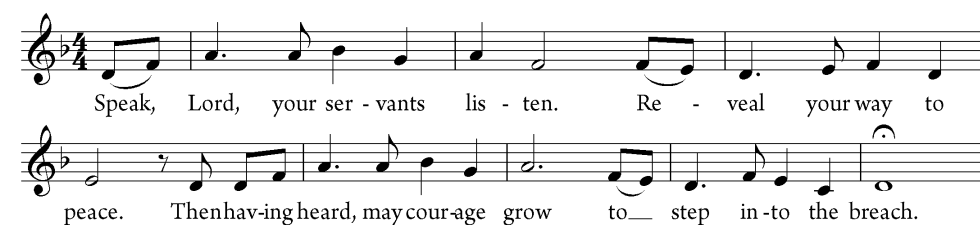
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Romans 5:1-8 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Anthem

Ralph Manuel

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

The Hebrew Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bible page 63 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, like our ancestors in Moses' day, we fret over resources for the journey before us. We are quick to mistrust your grace, though you have led us from our own forms of slavery and into your liberating light. Like the insecure children of Israel, we question whether you are with us or not, rather than being confident in your thirst-quenching Presence. Give us opened eyes and listening hearts to recognize you among us, O God. Grant sacred strength and Spirit's sight to find our way again.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Words of Assurance – from Psalm 95

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

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God
with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**All: In God's hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

One: The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

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

One: For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

All: O that today, we would listen to God's voice!

Hymn (478) †

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God Is Calling Through the Whisper

The Exchange of Peace

Lenten Refrain †

Speak, Lord, Your Servants Listen

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Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.

Homily

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Looking vs. Seeing

Intercessory Prayers

Nina Maples (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

Offertory

Théodore Dubois

Dix Pieces Nouvelles: 7. Evocation

Blessing of the Offering

Michael Whatley (9:30)
Becky Martin (11:00)

Hymn of Praise †

LANCASHIRE
text by Ruth Duck*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

**Lead on, O cloud of presence; the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our bondage left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

**Lead on, O fiery pillar; we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing, though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**

**Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

Benediction

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Postlude

Austin Echols

Lenten Reflections

† For those who are able, we invite you to stand.

Today in Worship

Allison Keenan, Highland member and local artist, crafted the pottery bowl for Highland's table as well as original art for our Lenten bulletins and publications. Please express your gratitude to Allison for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten journey.

Today's anthem, *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, is a gift to Highland's Choral Library from Jonathan Shippey in memory of his parents, Cliff and Ernestine Shippey, who devoted their entire adult lives to faithful, loving service: she as a church organist and he as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Bill Dinwiddie, surgery
Michelle Kanatzar, surgery recovery
Ray Schnur, hip surgery on 3/20

Christian Sympathy

Rob Cosby, death of sister
Debbie Slagle Pike, death of father

This Week at Highland

Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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Bible Study 1
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study 2
12:00 p.m. New Members Ministry Group (Fellowship Hall)
12:15 p.m. Faithful Giving Ministry Group (101)
12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells rehearsal (200)
5:30 p.m. Global Missions Ministry Group (103)

Monday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Commons)
6:30 p.m. American Sign Language Class (Fellowship Hall, Stage)
7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fireside)
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 22

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
Youth Group (Youth Suite)
6:10 p.m. Adult Class—Supporting Loved Ones Through End of Life (Fellowship Hall, Stage)
Adult Class—Wilderness Wanderings (Commons)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 23

2:00 p.m. HBC Bookends (103)
7:00 p.m. Reel to Real Film Series (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 p.m. Back Door Group (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Men of Highland Gathering (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. Families with Children Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

For a full listing of Highland's news and events, please visit our website at hbclouisville.org.

The Justice Ministry Group invites all to an evening called **Reel to Real, this Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Charlie Kasper from "Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare" will present the documentary *Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point*, followed by a discussion.

If you are a new or prospective member, you will want to attend the upcoming **Highlights Class next Sunday, March 26, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. This class is part of the process for becoming a member at Highland and is led by Joe Phelps and Nina Maples. Light dinner will be served and childcare will be provided with RSVP. For more information, please contact Nina.

The next **Libation Theology** will be **Thursday, April 6**, at Molly Malone's in St. Matthews. We gather at 6:30 p.m.; dialogue starts at 7:00. This gathering is open to all. For more information, contact Nina Maples, Lance Springs, or Becki Streif.

Donations for the 39th annual Jean Janes Yard Sale are now being accepted. Please place items in the storage room at the end of the Fireside Room hallway. The sale will be held Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies to adorn our Sanctuary are **now available for purchase!** They are \$15 each and can be made in memory, honor, or appreciation of a loved one. Order forms are available on the table outside the Sanctuary and can be dropped in the offering plate.

All in the church are invited to participate in the Families with Children Easter Festival by **donating individually wrapped candy** for Easter eggs. Please do so by placing candy in the bin outside the choir room **by April 2**. Thanks for your support!

Young Adults invite the *entire church (including kids!)* to **order a new Highland t-shirt by April 2**. Shirts are \$10 for adults (\$7 for children) and will be worn at the church picnic, as we march together in the PRIDE parade, to other events around town, and of course at our own leisure. Go to <https://hbclouisville.org/congregational-life/young-adults/young-adult-tshirt-order-form/> for color and size selection, as well as payment.

Wednesday Classes for Adults

Supporting Loved Ones Through the End of Life.
Led by Vicki Runnion, Becky Holloman, and Kristie Abney.
Wilderness Wanderings. Led by Tyler Mayfield.

Lent 2017: *The Listening Heart* Prayer Practices: Finger Labyrinth



Prayer begins . . .
with a *return to the heart*,
finding one's deepest center,
awakening the profound depths
of our being in the presence of God
who is the source of our being and our lives.

~ Thomas Merton

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2017