

Invitation to Worship Joe Phelps

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – from Psalm 66 Renee Purtlebaugh

One: Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of God's praise be heard,

**All: who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

One: For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**All: You brought us into the net;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

One: Come and hear, all you who revere God,  
and I will tell what God has done for me.

**All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.**

One: But truly God has listened;  
God has given heed to the words of our prayer.

**All: Blessed be God, because God has not rejected  
my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.**

Hymn (415) *Lift High the Cross*  
Stanzas One and Two

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson Lauren Jones Mayfield  
John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible page 107 – NT)

Gathering Our Offerings (383) *Near to the Heart of God*  
Stanzas One and Three

The Epistle Lesson Nina Maples  
1 Peter 3:15-18a (Pew Bible page 229 – NT)

A Reading from Acts Joe Phelps  
Acts 17:22-31 (Pew Bible pages 134-135 – NT)

Sermon Joe Phelps  
*Uncommon Ground*

Song of Renewal (387) *God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us*

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Recognition of Graduates Perry Dixon and Lauren Jones Mayfield

**We celebrate your graduation with you! We give thanks for your life as a student and all that you have learned. We look forward to the ways that we will continue to discover new ideas and practices together on the journey of life. Your accomplishment blesses this church family with determination and perseverance—characteristics of gospel living. Receive our joy and know God's love as we give thanks to God for you and the gift of learning. Amen!**

Benediction Joe Phelps

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Prelude arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
*Prelude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

### LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, THE LOVE OF CHRIST PROCLAIM

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Processional Hymn (415) † *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

Prayer of Praise

Gloria Patri MEINEKE  
**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.**

### DRAW THE WORLD TO THEE

The Gospel Lesson † Lauren Jones Mayfield  
John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible page 107 – NT)

Anthem Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)  
*If Ye Love Me*

Prayer of Confession Nina Maples

**Forgiving God, unseen yet known, we hear the world speak in terms of power and control while we hear you speak in terms of love and grace. May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice. Forgive us when we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt, the desire that leads to greed, the yearning that leads to selfishness. Knowing and loving God, we turn from following the wrong way and face you with our confessions. May we embody our repentance by keeping your commandments. Through Jesus Christ who gave the command to love and the Spirit to empower.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Words of Assurance  
1 Peter 3:15-18a (Pew Bible page 229 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (383) † *Near to the Heart of God* MCAFEE

### COME, CHRISTIANS, FOLLOW WHERE OUR SAVIOR TROD

A Reading from Acts Joe Phelps  
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*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.*

Sermon Joe Phelps  
*Uncommon Ground*

### ALL THE WORLD ADORE HIS SACRED NAME

Hymn of Response (387) † *God You Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us* GALILEE

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Sydney Watson  
*Pastorale*

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Doxology † LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Alleluia! Amen.**

Benediction Joe Phelps

Postlude Austin Echols  
*Morning Reflections*

## Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Ashley and Derek Hostetter (9:30); Rob Burke and Rick Finklea (11:00).

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our processional, *Lift High the Cross*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. We are grateful to the Children's Handbell Choir for their gift of music in today's services, Rick Finklea, director.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Miriam Elliott**, surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns


**Alice Bartley**, rehab  
**Hailey Cheatham**, broken arm  
**Procter Eubank**, Baptist rehab, room 4411, spinal surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Doris Hornbuckle**, broken wrist  
**Reece Little**, kidney cancer  
**Mike McFall**, broken wrist  
**Kimmie Reeves**, home, bypass surgery recovery  
**Frank Tupper**, rehab  
**Jonah Watson**, NICU

## News and Notes for the Community of Faith

**Welcome to Highland!** If you are visiting with us, we are honored that you are here. Please find a minister or deacon for more information about the work of Love at Highland Baptist Church.

 For a full listing of Highland's news and events, please visit our website at [hbclouisville.org](http://hbclouisville.org). You can also scan this QR code to be taken to our website.

**Today at noon**, in Fellowship Hall, the **Vision 20/20** team will share the proposed Mission, Vision, and Core Values statements with the church. Come see what you think, and join the conversation of this thinking, feeling, healing community of faith.

Join us as we celebrate the gift of music through our **Children's Spring Choir Concert tonight at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

Join us as we celebrate the gift of music through our **Handbell and Orchestra Spring Concert this Wednesday, May 24, at 6:15 p.m.** All are welcome!

Come join the fun and fellowship at the **church picnic on Wednesday, June 7, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**, at Hogan's Fountain in Cherokee Park. Cost for the meal will be \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for kids ages 4-8, and a max of \$15.00 per household. Reservations begin today in the Commons after worship services. Bring a lawn chair and come join the fun!

If you are a new or prospective member, you will want to attend the upcoming **Highlights Class on Sunday, June 11, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. This class is part of the process for becoming a member at Highland. Joe Phelps and Nina Maples will lead this class. Light dinner will be served and childcare will be provided with RSVP. For more information, please contact Nina.

**Join True Colors for the Kentuckiana Pride Festival June 16-17.** If you would like to participate by either walking in the parade or staffing our booth through the weekend, please sign up in the Commons. There you can order a T-shirt, sign up, and find out more about what we will have going on this Pride Festival Season.

### **Donations Needed**

*KRM Diaper Drive*, disposable diapers for babies and toddlers of Louisville refugee community (place in bins outside the Choir Room).

### **Mark Your Calendars**

May 21: Vision 20/20 Big Reveal; Children's Choirs Spring Concert Service  
 May 24: Last Wednesday of regular programming until fall; Handbell and Orchestra Concert  
 May 25: Cream of the Crop Trip  
 May 29: Church Offices Closed  
 June 1: Theology on Tap  
 June 4: Kick-off for Global Missions Month  
 June 7: Church-wide Picnic at Hogan's Fountain  
 June 8: Libation Theology  
 June 11: Highlights Class

Always be ready  
 to make your defense  
 to anyone  
 who demands from you  
 an accounting  
 for the hope  
 that is in you.

~ 1 Peter 3:15b

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, May 21**

8:30 a.m. Youth Led Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Community Gathering  
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 Bible Study 1  
 10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
 11:00 a.m. Youth Led Worship  
 Bible Study 2  
 12:00 p.m. Vision 20/20 Big Reveal (Fellowship Hall)  
 2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells rehearsal (200)  
 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir and Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 5:30 p.m. Global Missions Ministry Group (103)  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Spring Concert Service (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, May 22**

5:30 p.m. Personnel Ministry Group (103)

### **Tuesday, May 23**

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fireside)  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell and Orchestra dress rehearsal (Sanctuary, Commons, and Choir Room)  
 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Wednesday, May 24**

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells and Orchestra Spring Concert (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, May 25**

2:00 p.m. HBC Bookends (103)  
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, May 26**

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



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

*The MISSION of Highland Baptist Church...*

is to be so changed by God's transforming love revealed in Jesus Christ that we are an intriguing, inviting, and inclusive community of faith, filled with generous hearts and passion for God's justice.

**Joe Phelps**  
PASTOR

**Nina Maples**  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Lauren Jones Mayfield**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSIONS

**Perry Dixon**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Kathy Collier**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

**Austin Echols**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Fred Bogert**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH

**Don Burke**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

**Lance Springs**  
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**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 21, 2017**