

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m.

Invitation to Worship Joe Phelps

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – from Psalm 96 Lauren Jones Mayfield

O sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
 Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
God is to be revered above all gods.
 Honor and majesty are now before the Lord.
Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
Sing to the Lord. Bless God's name!

Hymn of Praise (550) Stanzas One and Two *We're Marching to Zion*

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson † Carol Harston
Matthew 18:15-20 (Pew Bible pages 19-20 – NT)Gathering Our Offerings (278) *We are Travelers on a Journey*
Stanzas One and ThreeThe Hebrew Lesson Joe Phelps
Exodus 12:1-14 (Pew Bible page 57 – OT)Sermon Joe Phelps
*Exodus: from No Way to God's Way –
Part 3: Can't You Take a Hint?*Song of Renewal *God of Futures Yet Unfolding*

God of futures yet unfolding, ever making all things new:
grant us pathways in our wand'ring, light when darkness dims our view.
Open doors, when dread defeats us. Set discouraged captives free.
God of futures yet unfolding, help our blinded eyes to see.

God of resurrection splendor, burn away the haze of fear.
Clear our heart to face tomorrow bright with hope's unfading cheer.
Through the future's vast unfolding, in each new creation's breath.
God of resurrection splendor, shine in triumph over death!

News for the Community Carol Harston

Benediction Joe Phelps

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9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude Dan Locklair
"The Peace may be exchanged" from RUBRICS

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

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Processional Hymn (550) † LYONS
We're Marching to Zion

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.**Anthem Michael Burkhardt
*O Sing to the Lord a New Song*CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER
MAY SPEAK THEIR JOYS ABROADThe Gospel Lesson † Carol Harston
Matthew 18:15-20 (Pew Bible pages 19-20 – NT)Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)
Renee Purtlebaugh (11:00)

Lord God, while we were asleep in sin, you died for our awakening.
**We confess our worship of the false gods of our culture, forgetting
that you are the Way. We have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not trusted your word
nor followed Jesus, the Word-made-flesh. We have not shown mercy
to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us, we pray in
Christ's name.** *Silent Prayer and Confession*

Anthem René Clausen
Kyrie
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
Romans 13:8-14 (Pew Bible page 158 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (278) † BEACH SPRING
*We Are Travelers on a Journey**Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.*THE HILLS OF ZION YIELDS
A THOUSAND SACRED SWEETSThe Hebrew Lesson Joe Phelps
Exodus 12:1-14 (Pew Bible page 57 – OT)Sermon Joe Phelps
*Exodus: from No Way to God's Way –
Part 3: Can't You Take a Hint?*LET OUR SONGS ABOUND, WE'RE MARCHING UPWARD
TO ZION, THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF GODHymn of Response † HYFRYDOL
Mary Louise Bringle, text
God of Futures Yet Unfolding

God of futures yet unfolding, ever making all things new:
grant us pathways in our wand'ring, light when darkness dims our view.
Open doors, when dread defeats us. Set discouraged captives free.
God of futures yet unfolding, help our blinded eyes to see.

God of ev'ry fresh creation, tend us with a gard'ner's hand.
On your people pour your Spirit, water on a thirsty land:
'til we spring like grassy meadows, poplar trees by flowing streams.
God of ev'ry fresh creation, reawaken Eden's dreams.

God of resurrection splendor, burn away the haze of fear.
Clear our heart to face tomorrow bright with hope's unfading cheer.
Through the future's vast unfolding, in each new creation's breath.
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Offertory Prayer

Offertory Michael Burkhardt
HYFRYDOL

News for the Community Carol Harston

Doxology † OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Benediction Joe Phelps

Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Missy Smith and Tony Dougherty (9:30); Lori Foster and John Foster (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

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 hymn, *We're Marching to Zion*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Lisa Shaffer, recovery from a fall, health issues

Ongoing Concerns

Dick Allison, surgery recovery

Bill Dinwiddie, Masonic Home

Michael Ethington, shoulder surgery recovery

Cleve Iler, home

Reece Little, kidney cancer

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Divina Park, palliative care

Karen Park, detached retina, surgery recovery

Frank Tupper, home

Fran White, bike accident, surgery recovery

Christian Sympathy

Anita & Eli Roper, death of mother/
grandmother, Frances, on 9/2

Notes and News 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. You can also scan this QR code to be taken to our website.

We gather this afternoon to **celebrate Kathy Collier and her 10 years of ministry at Highland** with a reception immediately following the 11:00 hour in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay for this special occasion to share your love and gratitude.

Libation Theology is for any adult, any age, who likes to eat, gather with friends and enjoy theological discussions. We will gather at Molly Malone's in St. Matthews **this Thursday, September 14**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. No reservation required. For more information, contact Nina Maples, Lance Springs, or Becki Streif.

Join us for a **Parent Chat**, a conversation with other parents about changing our outlook on time, how much we have of it and how we use it, on **Saturday, September 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Bring your own dinner (no peanuts or tree nuts please!) and eat as families in Fellowship Hall. After dinner, children will move upstairs while parents have conversation. RSVP by Monday, September 18, to renee@hbclouisville.org or on the HBC Children and Family Ministry Facebook page.

Highland's Orchestra begins a new season of rehearsals and performances **next Sunday, September 17**. Contact Bruce Maples if you are new and want to join. Lunch is provided in Fellowship Hall with rehearsal starting at 12:30 in the Sanctuary. BruceInLouisville@gmail.com.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet on **Sunday, September 24**, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat Ramsey, to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Antony Doerr. Everyone is invited!

Please join Highland's Anti-Racism Team, Justice Ministry Group, and Jeana Dunlap, Director of the Office of Redevelopment Strategies for the Louisville Metro Government on **Thursday, September 28, 5:30 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall, for a discussion on redlining in Louisville. Redlining is a form of discrimination in which lending agencies deny financial services to people living in certain neighborhoods. RSVP on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ullvmb>.

Wednesday Classes for Adults

Come Learn Why Baptists Were the First

Radicals. Led by Bruce Maples and Roy Fuller.

Parenting through a Progressive Faith Lens.

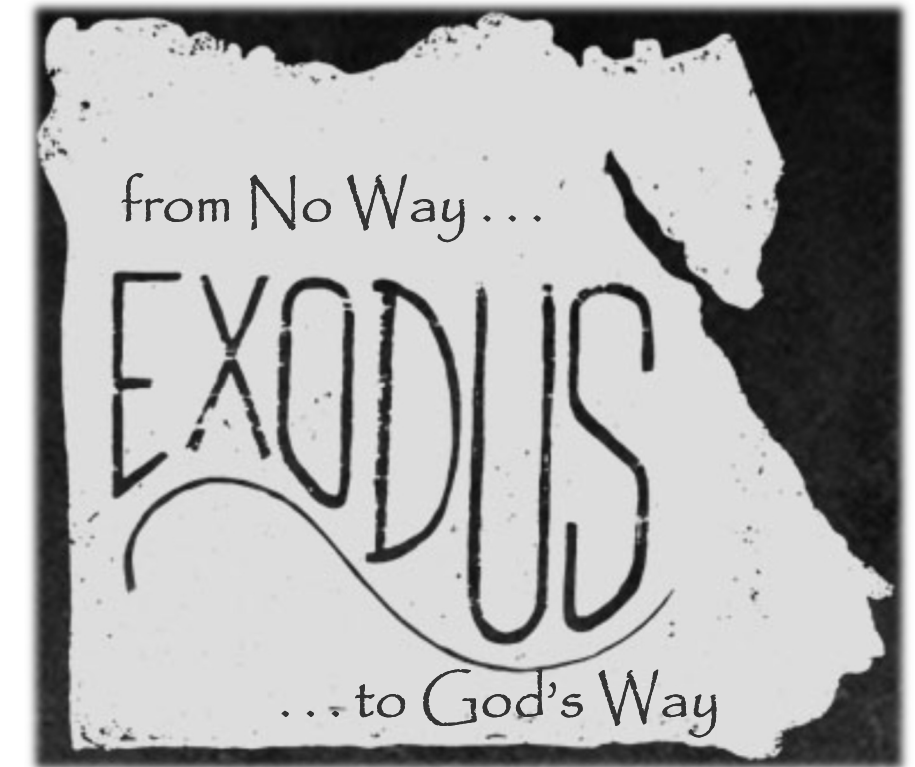
Led by Renee Purtlebaugh.

Mark Your Calendars

September 10: 10-Year Anniversary Celebration for Kathy Collier

September 14: Libation Theology

September 17: Children's Volunteer Training



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Our Vision... We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

Our Values...

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.

This Week at Highland

Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
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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. 10-Year Anniversary Celebration for Kathy Collier (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 p.m. Faithful Giving Ministry Group (101)
1:00 p.m. Justice Ministry Group (103)
3:00 p.m. Families with Children Big Four Bridge Walk (Off-site)

Monday, September 11

6:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Team (101)
Ministry Council (103)
7:00 p.m. Congregational Safety Ministry Group (103)

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

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—Come Learn Why Baptists Were the First Radicals (Fellowship Hall, Stage)
Adult Class—Parenting Through a Progressive Faith Lens (Commons)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Libation Theology (Off-site)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, September 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Small Group (122)
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Gathering (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017