

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – Micah 6:6-8 Carol Harston

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**but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

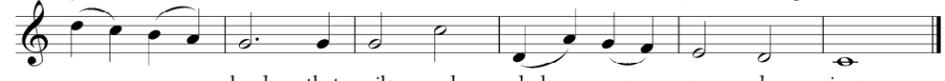
Hymn of Praise *High in the Heavens, Eternal God*



1. High in the heavens, e - ter - nal God, your good - ness
2. For - ev - er firm your jus - tice stands, as moun - tains
3. From the pro - vi - sions of your house we shall be
4. Life, like a foun - tain, rich and free, springs from the



in full glo - ry shines: your truth shall break through
their foun - da - tions keep; wise are the won - ders
fed with sweet re - past; there mer - cy like a
pres - ence of the Lord, and in your light our



eve - ry cloud that veils and dark - ens your de - signs.
of your hands; your judg - ments are a might - y deep.
ri - ver flows and brings sal - va - tion to our taste.
souls shall see the glo - ries prom - ised in your word.

Prayer of Praise Carol Harston

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
Please sing stanza one found in the far right panel of today's bulletin.

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible page 91 – NT)

Sermon *At the End of the Day...*

Song of Renewal *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
Please sing stanza two found in the far right panel of today's bulletin.

News for the Community Carol Harston

Benediction Jim England

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Prelude Mark Hayes
Nei-Classique

WE SHALL OVERCOME

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Processional Hymn † *High in the Heavens, Eternal God* TRURO

Please sing from the music in the far left panel of today's bulletin.

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.**

DARKNESS CANNOT PUT OUT DARKNESS

Choral Call to Prayer J. Aaron McDermid
Thou Hidden Love of God

The Morning Psalm Renee Purtlebaugh (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)
Psalm 36:5-10 (Pew Bible page 499 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

When conflict leads us to division and distrust
Call us once again to feast on your abundance.

**Call us to love without limits.
Call us to see the light.**

Words of Assurance

I have decided to stick to love. For I know that love
is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems.

I'm going to talk about it everywhere I go.

I'm not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love,

I'm talking about a strong, demanding love.

And I have seen too much hate. Every time I see it,

I know that it does something to their faces

and their personalities and I say to myself:

hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love.

The Exchange of Peace

BEYOND ONE'S TRIBE

Hymn † *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* BEACH SPRING

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

WISE ARE THE WONDERS OF YOUR HANDS

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible page 91 – NT)

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:00)

Sermon Jim England
At the End of the Day...

I HAVE DECIDED TO LOVE

Hymn of Response † *Jesus, Come! for We Invite You* REGENT SQUARE

**Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples – come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe and live!**

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Jay Rouse
Soliloquy

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

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.**

Congregational Benediction Jim England

Postlude arr. James M. Black
When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

† *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 Sally Evans and Bill Martin (9:30); Kim Shippey and John Foster (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures. We appreciate the musical leadership of Cathy Ryan in today's services.

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.

Excerpts from the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response. Today's Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance and Congregational Benediction are from *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World*, by Martin Luther King Jr., edited by James M. Washington. We are grateful to Highland's Anti-Racism Team for their input into today's worship services.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Colleen Clemons, shoulder surgery recovery
Grady Cornely, ear surgery recovery
Jim Mahanes, cornea transplant recovery
Nancy Miller, rehab, recovery from a fall
Federal employees on furlough

Ongoing Concerns

Bret Brummett, home, rehab
W.D. Burden, surgery recovery
Quinn Cornely, tonsils removed
Sean Cornely, ear surgery recovery
George Ann Gash, surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Rose Hawkins, ankle surgery recovery
Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer
Jim McBee, home, infections
Kathy McFall, health, recovery
Georgianna Miller, surgery recovery
Bill Mosier, tests
Earl Shelp, home, recovery
Betty Unruh, pancreatitis

Highland Welcomes

Michelle McDonald, who joined on 1/13

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

Members of Highland's **Anti-Racism Team** will be in the Commons after each service **today** to talk with anyone interested in their work. The team seeks to educate everyone about racism and its effects on all of us, to find ways to stand against systemic racism, and to serve alongside communities of color to promote bridge building.

Party with Your Pastors is an informal space for our ministers to grow in relationship with the congregation during this interim time. Join us on **Tuesday, January 29, 3:00 p.m.** at Heine Brothers (2200 Bardstown Rd.) as we gather over coffee and pastries. Sign up in the Commons or online at <https://hbclouisville.org/2018/06/11/party-with-your-pastors/>.

Due to the weather, **today's Congregational Conversation has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 3.** The conversation will still take place in Fellowship Hall, during the 9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours, and be led by Dr. Chris Gambill, our Interim Facilitator from the Center for Congregational Health. This will be an opportunity to share with each other regarding our heritage and values which we will carry forward into the next phase of our journey as a church. The Transition Team will gather information shared at this meeting and use it as part of our preparation for hiring our next pastor.

Available in the Commons today are sticky notes with our "courage" logo from the year and a sign-up sheet for t-shirts with the logo. The small Moleskin journals have all been claimed but we are ordering more. Journals and sticky notes are free but donations are being accepted to offer those on our Continuing Care list some tangible encouragement as they face chronic illness. Courage Shirts will be \$10.

Wednesday Classes for Adults, January 23-30
Courage for Caregivers. We will hear from members who serve as caregivers for family and friends so that we can learn what it means to encourage their work. We will also hear from professionals who work with families who can offer some guidance of how best to support caregivers in our lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

Courage for the Middle: Prayers for All Those Seeking Justice. Highland's Immigration and Anti-Racism Teams invite you to join them in an informal time of prayer and conversation for all those affected by immigration and for the racial healing of our nation. This class will meet in the Commons.

January is Teacher Appreciation Month at Highland! We hope each person will thank our Bible study and music teachers of all ages. There are many ways to honor those who encourage you on your faith journey. You might make homemade cards, bake cookies, write a song or a note, or create artwork. Use your imagination! A list of Bible study teachers is available throughout the building. Contact Renee with questions.

Mark Your Calendars

January 21: Church Offices Closed
January 27: Highland Book Club
January 29: Party with Your Pastors Coffee
February 3: Congregational Conversation during 9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours
February 10: HBC Got Skillz
March 3: Youth-Led Worship
March 6: Ash Wednesday Service
March 8-9: Annual Women's Retreat
March 11: Joint WMU meeting
March 29 Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper

When our days become dreary
with low-hovering clouds of despair,
**and when our nights become darker
than a thousand midnights,**
let us remember
**that there is a creative force
in this universe,
working to pull down
the gigantic mountains of evil,**
a power that is able to make a way
out of no way and transform
dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.
**Let us realize the arc of the moral universe
is long but it bends toward justice.**

"Where Do We Go from Here?"
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 16, 1967



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.

Deb Ackerson
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jerre Bassett
FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Frank Bassett
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Lauren Blackwell
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kim Shippey
DEACON CHAIR

Becki Streif
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

This Week at Highland

Sunday, January 20

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
12:15 p.m. New Members Ministry Group (103)
12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Global Partnerships Ministry Team (103)

Monday, January 21

Church Offices Closed
5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Suite)

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

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—Courage for Caregivers (Fellowship Hall)
Adult Class—Courage for the Middle: Prayer for All Those Seeking Justice (Commons)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 24

12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 25

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