

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Opening Words – from Revelation 7 Renee Purtlebaugh

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

Hymn of Praise (198) *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  
Stanzas One and Four

Prayer of Praise Lauren Jones Mayfield

The Exchange of Peace

The Morning Psalm Lauren Jones Mayfield and Renee Purtlebaugh  
Psalm 23 (Pew Bible page 491 – OT and from *The Message*)

Gathering the Offerings arr. John Carter  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

The Gospel Lesson Jim England  
John 10:22-30 (Pew Bible page 102 – NT)

Sermon *A Hearing Test*

Hymn of Response (577) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Blessing and Sending Forth of Joanna Morse and Aaron Watkins

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Benediction Jim England

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Prelude LLANFAIR  
arr. Marilyn Biery

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**LOOK UNTO ME, YOUR MORN SHALL RISE,  
AND ALL YOUR DAY BE BRIGHT**

Opening Words – from Revelation 7

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and God will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

Processional Hymn (198) LLANFAIR  
*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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.**

**COME UNTO ME AND REST**

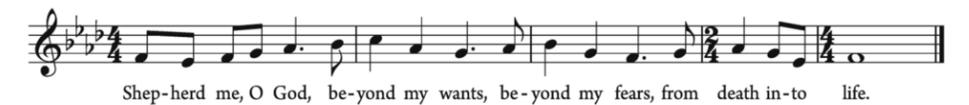
A Reading from Acts Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)  
Perry Dixon (11:00)  
Acts 9:36-42 (Pew Bible page 125 – NT)

Meditation arr. Jay Althouse  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Emily Stewart and Richard Hornbuckle

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh

When easy answers and clear understanding is all we will accept, **continue to teach us, we pray.**  
Cleanse our hearts and restore our humility.  
**Speak to us again so that we might hear your voice and claim our belonging.**  
May our transformed lives give glory to the Good Shepherd **who grants comfort through the dark valleys, presence at the enemy’s table, and wholeness all our life long. Continue to teach us to pray. Amen.**

Singing of the Psalm – Psalm 23 *Shepherd Me, O God*



The Morning Psalm Livia and Tyler Mayfield  
Psalm 23 – Hebrew and English

Words of Assurance – John 10:27-30

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.  
**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.**  
What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.  
**The Father and I are one.**

The Exchange of Peace

**I LOOKED TO JESUS, AND I FOUND IN HIM  
MY STAR, MY SUN**

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England  
John 10:22-27 (Pew Bible page 102 – NT)

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

Sermon Jim England  
*A Hearing Test*

**IN THAT LIGHT OF LIFE I’LL WALK  
TILL TRAVELING DAYS ARE DONE**

Hymn of Response (577) † KINGSFOLD  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Harold Darke  
*A Meditation on Brother James’ Air*

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

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 Jim England

Postlude David German  
*Festive Trumpet Tune*

† 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 Libby Cunningham and Jill Ligon Davis (9:30); Bonnye Swim and Cheryl Priddy (11:00). We ask worshipers 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 hymn of response, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response. Please express your gratitude to Richard Hornbuckle for his musical leadership in today's services.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Dick and Jane Allison**  
**Kim Frittschi**, tests  
**Jackson Huse**, surgery recovery  
**Alison Stabler**, hospital, infection

### Ongoing Concerns

**Bob Elliott**, home, heart surgery recovery  
**Jim Fleming**, eye surgery recovery  
**Jim Hawkins**, surgery recovery  
**Tracy Holladay**, knee replacement recovery

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Lou Ann Iler**, hip replacement recovery  
**Alana Maddox**, health issues  
**Kathy McFall**, pneumonia  
**Bill Mosier**, tests  
**Lisa Shaffer**, back pain  
**Howard Teel**, hip surgery recovery  
**Michelle Tupper-Butler**, surgery recovery  
**David Wells**, back pain  
**Paul Whiteley**, heart surgery recovery

## This Week at Highland

### Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study

### Monday, May 13

6:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Ministry Team  
(Commons)

### Tuesday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)  
Gardening Group (Off-site)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, May 15

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Youth Group (Youth Suite)

### Wednesday, May 15 (continued)

6:15 p.m. Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process (Fellowship Hall)  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, May 16

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)  
Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)  
Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)

### Friday, May 17

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

### Saturday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall)  
Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. Children's Handbell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## 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 ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

We will gather in the Sanctuary for **"Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process"** **this Wednesday, May 15**, where Ruby Burke, Hollan Holm, and Tom Ketterman will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

**Donations for the 41<sup>st</sup> 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, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** *Please note:* Items in the lost and found cabinet and dishes that have been left in the kitchen will be donated to the yard sale if not picked up by this Wednesday, May 15.

Join us as we celebrate the gift of music through our **Children's Spring Choir Concert next Sunday, May 19**, at 6:00 p.m., followed by pop-sicles on the playground. All are welcome!

Join us as we celebrate the gift of music through our **Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, May 22**, at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome!

Come join the fun and fellowship at the **church picnic on Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**, at Willow Park. Cost is the same as Wednesday night meals: \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 4-12, and \$21 max per household. We will take reservations on Wednesday nights (beginning May 15) and on Sunday mornings in the Commons (beginning May 19). Volunteers are needed to help transport supplies from church to the park, set-up, serve food, cleanup, and return supplies to church. Please contact Carol Harston if you are able to lend a hand!

### Mark Your Calendars

May 15: Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process  
May 18: Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale  
May 19: Children's Choir Spring Service  
May 21: Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch  
May 22: Orchestra Spring Concert; Last Wednesday of regular programming until Fall  
May 27: Church Offices Closed  
May 29: Church Picnic at Willow Park  
May 31: Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper  
June 2: Youth Ministry Banquet  
June 13: Table Talk  
June 16-22: Youth PASSPORT Camp  
June 24-27: PASSPORT *kids!* Camp



*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.



Imagine if every church became  
a place where everyone is safe,  
but no one is comfortable.

Imagine if every church  
became a place  
where we told one another the truth.  
We might just create sanctuary.

*~ Rachel Held Evans  
1981-2019*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**MAY 12, 2019**