

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

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Opening Words – Psalm 67 Lauren Jones Mayfield

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Hymn of Praise *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your world with light divine; all your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live, all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Prayer of Praise Renee Purtlebaugh

The Exchange of Peace

A Reading from Acts Renee Purtlebaugh
Acts 16:9-15 (Pew Bible page 133 – NT)Gathering Our Offerings *Like a River Glorious*The Gospel Lesson Jim England
John 5:1-9 (Pew Bible page 94 – NT)Sermon *A Harsh Question in a Tough Place*Hymn of Response (255) *We Are God's People*Memorial Day Prayer of Remembrance Renee Purtlebaugh
Highland's war dead: Charles Gardner, Charles Coleman, William Dean, Charles Gregory, Eddie Matthews, James Wood, Ted Wirotzious

In remembering all those who have died in the tragedy of war, we work towards God's promise that:

they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ~ Isaiah 2:4

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Benediction Jim England

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

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Prelude Charles Callahan
*Beside Still Waters God Leads Me***LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE YOU, LORD**

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Processional Hymn † *God of Mercy, God of Grace* DIX

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your world with light divine; all your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King; at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live, all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

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.**GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE,
SHOW THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR FACE**A Reading from Acts Carol Harston
Acts 16:9-15 (Pew Bible page 133 – NT)

Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

We want to be generous like your servant Lydia,

But we fear that we will not have enough.

We want to be transformed like your servant Paul,

But we worry that we are beyond your grace.

We want to be loving like our savior Jesus,

But we wonder whether we are good enough for your call.

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

God of mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (60) † *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY**UNTO US YOUR BLESSING GIVE**The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
John 5:1-9 (Pew Bible page 94 – NT)Anthem Craig Courtney
Peace I Give to You

Peace I leave you. My peace I give you. Not as the world gives, I give to you. Peace I give My peace to you. Let not your heart be troubled and fear not. In this world you shall have tribulations. Take heart! I have overcome the world!

Sermon Jim England
*A Harsh Question in a Tough Place***WE TO YOU DEVOTED LIVE**Hymn of Response (256) † *We Are People of God's Peace* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Frank Bridge
*Four Short Pieces for Violin and Piano II. Spring Song*Memorial Day Prayer of Remembrance Carol Harston
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News for the Community Carol Harston

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 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 Vi Chatmon and Bruce Carroll (9:30); Kathy Belcher and John Foster (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.

Today's flowers in the sanctuary are given by Tom Ketterman in memory and celebration for the life of his husband, Jerry Kray.

Phrases from our processional hymn, *God of Mercy, God of Grace*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response. Please express your gratitude to Jane Halliday and Sharon Sanders for their musical leadership in today's services.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Kim Clark, surgery recovery
Nancy Jurgevich, surgery recovery
Frank Tupper, surgery on 5/29

Ongoing Concerns

Dick and Jane Allison, health issues
Bojangles Blanchard, surgery recovery
Bob Elliott, home, heart surgery recovery
David French, eye surgery recovery
Jim Hawkins, surgery recovery
Tracy Holladay, knee replacement recovery
Jackson Huse, surgery recovery
Lou Ann Iler, hip replacement recovery
Reece Little, leukemia
Sam Newland, home
Alison Schureck, surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Lisa Shaffer, back pain
Alison Stabler, home
Gene Streible, tests
David Wells, back pain
Paul Whiteley, heart surgery recovery

Congratulations

Theresa and Will Reesor, birth of daughter, Iris

Christian Sympathy

Deborah Massey, death of aunt
Elizabeth Milazzotto, death of aunt, Virginia, and ex-husband, Bob VanIsenberg
Cassie Russell Dossett, death of mother, Diana Ruth Russell

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.

Today is the **final day** to make your reservation for the annual **church picnic this Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 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 in the Commons. Volunteers are needed to help transport supplies from church to the park, set-up, serve food, clean-up, and return supplies to church. Please contact Carol Harston if you are able to lend a hand!

Join us **this Friday, May 31**, at 6:15 p.m., for **Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Cook-out Dinner**. If you would like to help, you may bring a side dish, bag of chips, and/or a dessert. Anything would be appreciated. Please place items in the kitchen and label it for Friday Church. For questions, contact Debbie Lemmon.

Beginning **next Sunday, June 2**, we are going to have a **Summer Sunday Schedule** where we will have **two morning worship services (9:30 and 11:00)** and two Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00). We recognize that this will be an inconvenience for those 8:30 worshippers, but we appreciate your patience as we take this time to summer pause to renew our energy before beginning another school year. We will go back to our regular Sunday morning schedule beginning August 25.

Next Sunday, June 2, we will kick-off our **Global Mission Offering** emphasis for the month of June. We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Scarlette Jasper, one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel with whom we have been in relationship for several years. Look for more information in the weekly newsletter on this special Sunday on how you can contribute to our \$12,000 offering goal.

Children's Worship programming for children in K-2 grades during 11:00 worship service is taking a pause for the summer months **beginning this morning**. We will return for the 2019-20 school year on Promotion Sunday, August 25.

Mark Your Calendars

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; Summer Sunday Schedule begins
June 5: No evening activities/supper
June 12: No evening activities/supper
June 13: Table Talk
June 14-15: Annual Pride Festival and Parade
June 16: Pride Worship Service
June 16-22: Youth PASSPORT Camp
June 19: No evening activities/supper
June 23: Ordination Service for Nathan Marrs
June 24-27: PASSPORT *kids!* Camp
June 26: No evening activities/supper
July 4: Church Offices Closed
July 19-21: Vacation Bible School



So this is my prayer:
that your love will flourish
and that you will not
only love much but well.

~ *Philippians 1:9-11*



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.

This Week at Highland

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

6:15 p.m. Annual Church-wide Picnic (Off-site)

Thursday, May 30

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, May 31

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Dinner (Commons and 1st Floor Lobby)
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Godly Play Workshop (Fellowship Hall and 203)

Deb Ackerson
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

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MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

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