

Invitation to Worship Perry Dixon

Prelude ELLACOMBE  
arr. James Biery

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**SONGS OF PRAISES I WILL EVER GIVE TO THEE**

Call to Worship  
Come worship the God who creates us,  
**Who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.**  
Come worship the God who challenges us,  
**Who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.**  
Come worship the God who calls us,  
**Who binds us in community and beckons us to follow.**

Hymn of Praise (33) † CWM RHONDDA  
arr. Austin Echols  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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.**

**I AM WEAK, BUT THOU ART MIGHTY  
HOLD ME WITH THY POWERFUL HAND**

My Faith Story Allison Keenan (9:30)  
Patty Martin Nichols (11:00)

Meditation arr. Austin Echols  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

The Hebrew Lesson Jim England  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 (Pew Bible pages 603-604 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh

**Loving God, we confess that we all have shortcomings that take us away from You. In our search for security, we forget that we are not in control. In our search for justice, we place our hope in things of this world. When we love the quick profit and the annual raise, we give up the mystery of Your dreams for us. But, our faith can hide us from the truth that we can do more to shape a new world. Finding balance is hard and we cannot do it alone. Thank You, that Your promise is to be with us, always. Amen.**

Words of Assurance  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (Pew Bible pages 548-549 – OT)

Hymn (41) † WELLESLEY  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

The Gospel Lesson † Perry Dixon  
Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible page 73 – NT)

Sermon Perry Dixon  
*I've Got a Sermon. This Also Is Vanity.*

The Celebration of Holy Communion Carol Harston  
Invitation to the Table  
Exchange of Peace  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Reception of the Bread and Cup  
Communion Music

*Softly and Tenderly*  
*All bread served is gluten free.*

*Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.*

**STRONG DELIVERER, BE THOU STILL  
MY STRENGTH AND SHIELD**

Hymn of Response † text by Erik Routley (1917-1982)  
BEACH SPRING

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

**All who love and serve your city, all who bear the daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:  
in your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."**

**For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still;  
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.  
Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"**

Offertory Prayer

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Doxology † TALLIS' CANON  
**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 Perry Dixon

Postlude Benedetto Marcello  
*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*

† *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 Phil Collier and Jill Ligon Davis (9:30); Marilyn and David Tucker (11:00).

Following worship, deacons will be at each exit to collect contributions to the church's Fellowship Fund, which helps those in need in our community. 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 praise, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation and response. We are grateful to Highland's brass ensemble and director, Bruce Maples, for their music leadership in today's services. Members are Neil Barton, Matt Porter, Ron Boyd, Larry Davis, Larry Hoover, Adam Price, and Eric Watson.

Newly elected deacons are sharing their faith stories in the Sunday services leading up the Deacon Ordination Service on Sunday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Lillian Glover**, recovery from a recurring illness  
**Karen Park**, ruptured appendix, surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns

**Jane Allison**, Franciscan Home  
**Susan Coleman Layman**, ulcer recovery  
**David French**, complications from eye surgery  
**Joyce Holmes**, home, recovery from parainfluenza virus

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Reece Little**, leukemia  
**Joe Powell**, Valhalla, rehab  
**David Wells**, surgery recovery

### Christian Sympathy

**Jane Allison**, death of husband, Dick, on 7/29  
**Jim Mahanes**, death of brother, Bob, on 7/30

## 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.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship begins anew** for the school year on **August 21!** Please plan to join your church family of all ages in this mid-week gathering for fellowship and faith formation. We will gather in the Sanctuary for **"Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process"** on **Wednesday, August 21**, where three individuals will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Our Wednesday night **meals** will continue to be catered by Gracious Plenty. Cost is \$7/adult, \$3.50/children ages 4-12, and a maximum of \$21/household (immediate family members) with a reservation. **Reservations/cancellations are due by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays** and can be done by calling the church office or emailing deb@hbclouisville.org. **Please note:** *Even if you've had a standing reservation in the past, the list is recreated every year beginning in August!*

### **Wednesday Night Dinner Help Is Needed!**

Volunteer teams serve one week per month to set up for caterers, make desserts and do the dishes. We are still in need of several more volunteers for the weekly teams: 2 people for catering set up, 2 people to make desserts, 1 dish washer, and 3 dish dryers. If you can help or would like more information, contact Kathy Belcher at klbelcher53@gmail.com or 502-216-6471.

The Anti-Racism Team and Young Adults will be sponsoring a **screening of *When They See Us***. The miniseries highlights some of the terrible effects of systemic racism in the criminal justice system, in the media, and in everyday life. Over a series of four evenings, **Sundays during the month of August**, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Commons, we will watch all four episodes of the miniseries while incorporating time for guided questions and reflections. This is a free event. Parental discretion strongly advised.

Join us on **Sunday, August 18**, as we "Gather 'Round" for **one service at 10:30 a.m.**, as we sing favorite hymns of faith, experience a children's story, hear a rousing anthem from Sanctuary Choir, and hear a word from Renee Purtlebaugh. *There will be no Bible study classes or Worship Care so we can all experience worship together.* Children's books and other child-friendly activities will be available in the Commons for our youngest children accompanied by a family member, should you need space to move about more freely. Following worship, everyone is invited to **picnic** on the church's greenspaces either by packing your own lunch or purchasing lunch from a food truck.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

August 8: Table Talk  
August 13: Cream of the Crop Potluck and Movie  
August 18: Gather 'Round—one worship service at 10:30 a.m. No Bible study, no childcare, no worship care  
August 21: Regular Wednesday programming resumes; Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process



*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.

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DEACON CHAIR

**Kathey Golightly Sanders**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, August 4**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Personnel Ministry Group (Pastor's Study)  
6:00 p.m. Viewing of *When They See Us* (Commons)

### **Monday, August 5**

6:00 p.m. Ministry Council (200)

### **Tuesday, August 6**

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. G.R.O.W. (103)  
Children's Choir Teachers (Children's Commons)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Wednesday, August 7**

No Evening Supper/Activities  
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

### **Thursday, August 8**

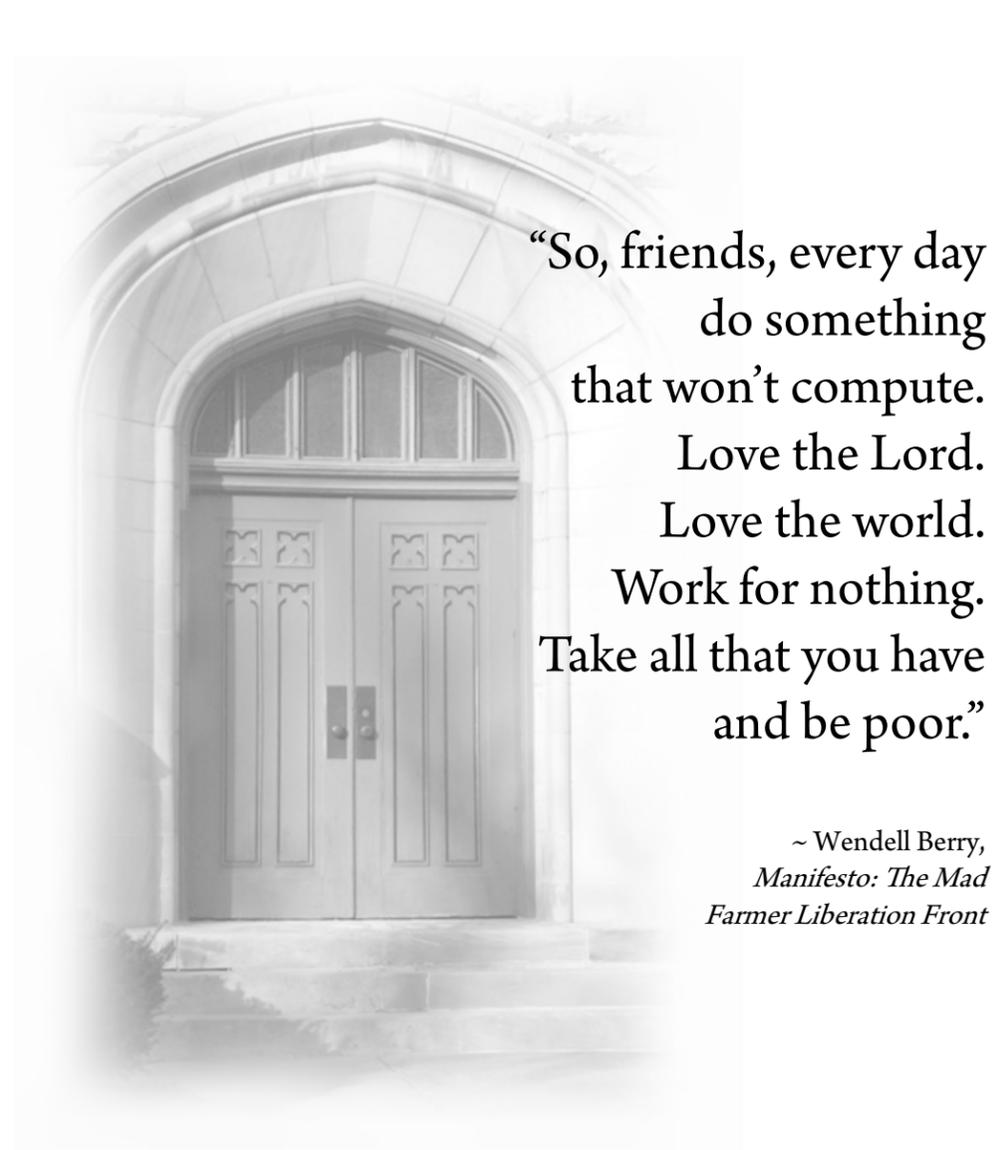
5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside Room)  
6:30 p.m. Table Talk (Off-site)  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, August 9**

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

### **Saturday, August 10**

2:00 p.m. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Party for Jim and Mary Helen England (Fellowship Hall)



“So, friends, every day  
do something  
that won't compute.  
Love the Lord.  
Love the world.  
Work for nothing.  
Take all that you have  
and be poor.”

~ Wendell Berry,  
*Manifesto: The Mad  
Farmer Liberation Front*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 4, 2019**