

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Choral Introit STAR OF COUNTY DOWN  
*The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

**I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD  
 THAT MADE THE MOUNTAINS RISE**

Call to Worship – from Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the Lord,  
 speaks and summons the earth  
 from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
 God calls to the heavens above and to the earth:  
**“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
 who made a covenant with me.**  
 Those who bring thanksgiving  
 as their sacrifice honor the Lord.  
**To those who go the right way  
 I will show the salvation of God.”**

Hymn of Praise (19) † FOREST GREEN  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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.**

**WHILE ALL THAT BORROWS LIFE  
 FROM THEE IS EVER IN THY CARE**

The Dedication of Clara Howell Boldt (9:30) and Hazel Anna Nally (11:00)

Words of Commitment  
 Presentation  
 Prayer of Dedication

Be - fore we were born God loved us. All the days of our lives God loves us. May  
 Love shape you, Child, and light your way, as you grow and walk in Christ's peace.

My Faith Story Justin Boldt (9:30)  
 David Hartley (11:00)

Anthem MICHAEL  
 Herbert Howells

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

All my hope on God is founded; God doth still my trust renew. Me through change  
 and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone calls my  
 heart to be his own. God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing  
 thought: splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Ever-  
 more from his store newborn worlds rise and adore. Still from man to God eternal  
 sacrifice of praise be done; high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ God's  
 Son. Christ doth call one and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

The Hebrew Lesson Lauren Jones Mayfield  
 Isaiah 1:10-20 (Pew Bible pages 617-618 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Carol Harston

Lead us into space where we can be honest about our worship,  
 realizing before you in prayer that the gifts we offer back to you  
 are self-serving more than they are self-emptying.  
**Cleanse our mouths of platitudes and righteous defenses  
 that hold us back from a true conversion of our hearts and our actions.**  
 Remind us again that you are the God who calls us  
 to thoughts that reshape our ways and prayers that move us to act.  
**Invite us to live simply, always willing to learn to do good  
 through our worship and our daily lives. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson  
 Hebrews 11:8-16 (Pew Bible page 220 – NT)

Music of Assurance COME LET US REASON  
*Come, Let Us Reason*

"Come, let us rea - son to - geth - er," that's what God says.  
 "Come, let us rea - son to - geth - er," says the Lord.  
 "Though your sins be as scar - let, they shall be as white as snow;  
 though they be red like crim - son, they shall be as wool."

The Exchange of Peace

**I SING THE WISDOM THAT ORDAINED  
 THE SUN TO RULE THE DAY**

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England  
 Luke 12:32-40 (Pew Bible page 73 – NT)

Sermon Jim England

**AND EVERYWHERE THAT WE CAN BE,  
 THOU, GOD, ART PRESENT THERE**

Hymn of Response † GERMANY  
*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by change but  
 2. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing church that  
 3. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o - be - dience  
 spir - it - led, must claim and test its her - i -  
 longs to be, a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 to our Lord: to care for all, with - out re -  
 tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Herbert Howells  
*Six Short Pieces for Organ  
 III. Aria*

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)  
 Perry Dixon (11:00)

Prayers for the New School Year Renee Purtlebaugh

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 Jim England

Postlude William Lloyd Webber  
*Postlude in G*

† 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 Mary Miller Dwyer and Gene Strible (9:30); Anita Roper and Noah Cooksey (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.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Children's Worship will resume on Promotion Sunday, August 25.

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

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Lewis Miller**, thyroid surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns

**Jane Allison**, Franciscan Home

**Susan Coleman Layman**, ulcer recovery

**David French**, complications from eye surgery

**Lillian Glover**, recovery from a recurring illness

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Joyce Holmes**, home, recovery from parainfluenza virus

**Reece Little**, leukemia

**Karen Park**, ruptured appendix, surgery recovery

**Joe Powell**, Valhalla, rehab

**David Wells**, home, surgery recovery

## 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 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.

Join us **next 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.* 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.

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.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

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 worship care

August 21: Regular Wednesday programming resumes; Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process



**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.

Sometimes, Lord,  
it seems to be too much:  
too much violence, too much fear;  
too much demands and problems;  
too much of broken dreams and broken lives;

Sometimes the very air seems scorched  
by threats and rejection and decay  
until there is nothing but to inhale pain  
and exhale confusion.

Too much of darkness, Lord,  
too much of cruelty  
and selfishness and indifference ...

Or is it too little, too little compassion,  
too little courage, of daring,  
of persistence, of sacrifice;  
too little of music and laughter  
and celebration?

O God,  
make of me some nourishment

for these starved times,

some food for my brothers and sisters  
who are hungry for gladness and hope,  
that, being bread for them,  
I may also be fed and be full.

*Sometimes It Just Seems to Be Too Much*  
Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, August 11**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
12:15 p.m. Mission and Justice Ministry Group  
(Youth Commons)  
New Members Ministry Group  
(Commons)  
12:30 p.m. Families with Children Ministry  
Group (201)  
5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (Children's  
Commons)  
6:00 p.m. Viewing of *When They See Us*  
(Commons)

### **Monday, August 12**

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

### **Tuesday, August 13**

12:00 p.m. Cream of the Crop Potluck and  
Movie (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship  
Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship  
Hall)

### **Wednesday, August 14**

No Evening Supper/Activities

### **Thursday, August 15**

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

### **Friday, August 16**

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