

Invitation to Worship Lauren Jones Mayfield

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship Jim England

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They were strangers in a strange land separated from loved ones, their community, and familiar surroundings.

We are told that during his ministry Jesus surrounded himself with strangers, marginalized people, and the outcasts of society.

Praise to you, O God, for teaching us how to love and welcome others.

Open our hearts and minds to worship you this day.

Hymn of Praise *We, O God, Unite Our Voices*
text, Paul Duke and Grady Nutt

We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful harmony.

You, unchanging, safe have brought us through the everchanging sea. Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Your grace. Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Your shining face.

Seeing then the task before us, bind our hearts and hands as one.

May our labor be in union, our resolve and Yours be one.

With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far.

In the midst of tempest peril be Your cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.

Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.

Fierce and gleaming is Your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown; lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

Faithful Giving Reflection Gene Strible

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Luke 17:5-10 (Pew Bible pages 78-79 – NT)

Sermon *A Faith for Impossible Things*

The Celebration of Holy Communion Lauren Jones Mayfield
Invitation to the Table Michael French
All bread served is gluten free.

Song of Renewal *We, O God, Unite Our Voices*
Stanza Three

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction Jim England

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Prelude Antonín Dvořák
Waldesruhe Op. 68 No. 5

**WE, O GOD, UNITE OUR VOICES,
RAISED IN THANKFUL HARMONY**

Call to Worship Alina and Anna Trelesnik (*Russian 9:30*)
Yoshi Zoeller (*Japanese 11:00*)

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Processional Hymn (508) † HYFRYDOL
We, O God, Unite Our Voices
Please sing from the text 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.

**DAYS OF CALM AND DAYS OF CONFLICT,
NIGHTS OF DARKNESS PROVE YOUR GRACE**

The Morning Psalm David Tribble
Psalm 137:1-4; 7-9 (Pew Bible pages 565 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield (*9:30*)
Perry Dixon (*11:00*)

We are disturbed—disturbed by angry and destructive impulses. Forgive us, O God, when we try to excuse ourselves by attributing these impulses only to other people. When we bring our pain, our fears, our anger to you, and in our wailing curse those who have wronged us, heal us. When we act on these curses, forgive us. When others displace us at work or at home and we confuse revenge for justice, forgive us. When we see strangers walking across this land and dismiss them as “no good” or “useless” forgive us. When we look at the faces of your children and project our scary labels of migrant, felon, queer, victim, or sinner, forgive us. When lives are at stake and we worry about threats to our privilege, forgive us. When we accept safety and security at the expense of another's human dignity, forgive us. *Silence.*

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
2 Timothy 1:7-10 (Pew Bible page 208 – NT)

Hymn (467) † THAXTED
We Are One in Christ

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

*We ask worshipers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.*

**FIERCE AND GLEAMING IS YOUR MYSTERY,
DRAWING US TO SHORES UNKNOWN**

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
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Sermon Jim England
A Faith for Impossible Things

The Celebration of Holy Communion Lauren Jones Mayfield
Invitation to the Table Michael French (*9:30*)
Jane Parker (*11:00*)

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

For Everyone Born

Tom Trenney

**SHOW HOW EVERY PERSON MATTERS
AS OUR CALLING WE FULFILL**

Hymn of Response MUELLER
A New Father, Awestruck

**A new father, awestruck; a mother so mild;
a stable; a manger; a dear, newborn child—
God, as we imagine that family so blessed,
we sometimes forget they were poor and oppressed.**

**As Joseph and Mary began a new home,
they suffered oppression from rulers in Rome.
Then, fleeing from Herod to save their son's life,
they looked for a land free from violence and strife.**

**We hear in our own day the cries of the poor.
We see in Aleppo the terror of war.
In women and children and men who must flee,
we glimpse, Lord, your life as a young refugee.**

**When some say that only the wealthy have worth,
O God, we recall where you lived here on earth.
May we in your church serve the poor and distressed;
for, working for justice, we give you our best.**

A Faithful Giving Reflection and Offertory Prayer Erin Phelps (*9:30*)
Esther Volmer (*11:00*)

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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 Jim England

Postlude Craig Phillips
Trumpet Tune

Today in Worship

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.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *We, O God, Unite Our Voices*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Today's art on the bulletin cover was created in 2015 by Allison Keenan. She sought to create patterns of refugees which depict their beauty rather than their poor living conditions in the image of a quilt to convey our connectedness. The Call to Worship was adapted from a prayer written by Geoffrey Duncan of English, published in *Gifts in Open Hands*.

Today's service celebrating World Communion was planned and collaborated by members of Highland's Worship Ministry Group and Immigration Team: Cheryl Davis, David Tribble, Michael French, and Jane Parker. We are grateful to the Immigration Team for collecting gifts of rice and black beans for La Casita: Barbara Stallard, Michael French, Nancy Goodhue, Carolyn King, Becky Martin, and Pam Ratcliffe. Please express your gratitude to Addie Hotchkiss, cellist, for her gifts of music in today's services.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Lauren Blackwell, procedure on 10/9 for skin cancer

Hargrove Family, recovery from car accident

Debbie Lemmon, recovering from cubital tunnel and carpal tunnel release surgery

Sandy Little, tests

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Borrmann, home

Reece Little, complications from medication

Joe Powell, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery

Highland Welcomes

Jamie Cannon, who joined on 9/29

Emily Robertson, who joined on 9/29

Notes and News 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.

Join us **today**, in Fellowship Hall, immediately after worship, for our second **LGBTea+**. This is a casual group open to members of the LGBTQ community and their allies for conversation and relationship building.

Join the **Mission Minded Women's group** (formerly Emma Leachman) **tomorrow**, October 7, at 4:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room, where Courier Journal reporter Deborah Yetter will speak about her recent investigative series on child abuse.

Table Talk is a relaxed time to eat together, meet new people, strengthen bonds with friends, and enjoy meaningful conversations on topics of collective or individual interest. Join us **this Thursday, October 10**, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Ave.). Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

This year, the Families with Children Ministry Group hopes to host a **Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, **October 30**. In order to do this, **we need you to decorate a trunk** and offer candy as children and families come by. Sign up on Sunday mornings in the Commons, Wednesday evenings at the check-in table, or contact Tanya Cornely.

We gather on **Wednesday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m., for our Quarterly Church Conference** in Fellowship Hall.

Off-Site Parking Update. We are no longer allowed to park in the lot for Atomic House of Hair at 2201 Grinstead Drive. The owner of the property has requested that we cease parking in the lot and as good neighbors we certainly wish to honor the request.

Adult Wednesday Night Classes

Spiritual Sustainability in Troubling Times. Join us this Wednesday, October 9, at 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, as we conclude with an exploration of how gratitude changes everything as guided by Diana Butler Bass' *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*.

Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process. Join us on Wednesday, October 16, where Bill Campbell, Lauren Jones Mayfield, and Lela Hendrix will share their faith journey guided by Bob Cunningham.

Mark Your Calendars

October 10: Table Talk

October 13-14: Senior Adult Retreat

October 16: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in Process

October 19: Sanctuary Choir Retreat

October 20: Commitment Sunday; New Members Luncheon

October 23: Quarterly Church Conference

October 27: Commitment Sunday



For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.

~ Shirley Erena Murray

This Week at Highland

Sunday, October 6

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
12:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (103)
12:15 p.m. LGBTea+ (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells rehearsal (200)

Monday, October 7

4:00 p.m. Mission Minded Women (Fireside)

Tuesday, October 8

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, October 9

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—Sustainable Spirituality in Troubling Times (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

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



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

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PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Lauren Blackwell
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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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