

Invitation to Worship	Lauren Jones Mayfield
Meditation	Austin Echols
Call to Worship – from Psalm 121	Perry Dixon
<p>I lift my eyes to the hills From where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. The Lord is my keeper; the Lord is my shade at my right hand. The Lord will keep my going out and my coming in from this time on and forevermore. Let us worship God.</p>	
Hymn of Praise (58)	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> Stanzas One and Two
Prayer of Praise	Carol Harston
The Exchange of Peace	
Faithful Giving Reflection	Beverly Breyette
Gathering Our Offerings (672)	<i>All Things Are Yours</i> Stanzas One and Two
The Gospel Lesson	Lauren Jones Mayfield Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible page 79 – NT)
Sermon	Lauren Jones Mayfield <i>Nevertheless, She Persisted!</i>
Song of Renewal (672)	<i>All Things Are Yours</i> Stanzas Three and Four
News for the Community	Carol Harston
Benediction	Lauren Jones Mayfield

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Prelude	arr. Jeff Cranfill <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> Highland Orchestra
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Processional Hymn (58) †	ST. DENIO <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>
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.
The Psalm	Hal Hopson <i>I Lift My Eyes</i> – Psalm 121
<p>IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES</p>	
The Hebrew Lesson	Renee Purtlebaugh Genesis 32:22-31 (Pew Bible page 29 – OT)
Prayer of Confession	Carol Harston (9:30) Perry Dixon (11:00)
<p>We are busy, Holy God. We are busy and tired. We join the struggle for justice, hoping to do good. We offer mercy, because it is what you taught us. Yet, when the work is harder than we expected, we surrender too soon. When the struggle gets too real, we retreat. Then we begrudge you for not ending oppression and violence quickly. We are confused when things do not work out like we imagined. Help us to acknowledge our privilege. We confess our sin by what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive us.</p>	
Time of Silence	
Words of Assurance	People of God, hear the Good News! God is mighty and just. As far as the East is from the West, so our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah, we are being redeemed.
The Exchange of Peace	

O Day of Peace

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and
 2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the
 dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish
 small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them
 schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
 all. Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -
 lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

**MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS
THE ANCIENT OF DAYS**

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<i>Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship</i>	

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**ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS
THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE**

Hymn of Response (672) †	GERMANY <i>All Things Are Yours</i>
Faithful Giving and Offertory Prayer	Richard Ryan (9:30) Randy Biery (11:00)
Offertory	arr. Robert Sheldon <i>Appalachian Morning</i> Highland Orchestra
News for the Community	Carol Harston
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	Lauren Jones Mayfield
Postlude	Austin Echols <i>Morning Reflections</i>

† 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.

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Susan Pierce (9:30) and Jeff Grey (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. Please see an usher for a large print bulletin version of today's bulletin.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. We are grateful to Highland's Orchestra for their gift of music in today's services, Bruce Maples, director.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Becky Martin, surgery recovery

Highland Welcomes

Li Alone, who joined on 10/13

John Reinert, who joined on 10/13

Ongoing Concerns

Lauren Blackwell, skin cancer surgery recovery

Hargrove Family, recovery from car accident

Joe Powell, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery

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.

It is time for us to elect several **Congregational Representatives to the Ministry Council** to serve a three-year term beginning in February 2020. Nomination ballots, located in the back of the sanctuary and on the table outside the sanctuary, may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet **tonight at 6:00 p.m.**, to discuss There, There by Tommy Orange. Everyone is invited!

This Saturday, October 26, we will **volunteer** for the morning at **Supplies Over Seas**. If you would like to join us, contact Lauren Jones Mayfield at laurenjm@hbcloouisville.org or RSVP online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/840486243020807>.

Our annual season of **pledging financial commitments to Highland** is underway. Brochures with commitment cards have been mailed. Beginning next Sunday, October 27, they will be available around the building. We celebrate these good gifts on **Commitment Sunday, October 27**. As we approach our next year of ministry together, we invite each of you to consider how we might support God's work through Highland financially—for today and tomorrow, for our present and our future.

We gather **this Wednesday**, October 23, at 6:00 p.m., for our **Quarterly Church Conference** in Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

October 20: New Members Luncheon

October 23: Quarterly Church Conference

October 27: Commitment Sunday

October 30: Trunk or Treat

November 3: Commitment Sunday Follow-up

November 7: Theology on Tap

November 8-10: Young Adult Fall Retreat

November 13: Special Business Meeting to

Discuss 2020 Budget

November 14: Cream of the Crop Trip; Table

Talk

November 15: Vote on 2020 Budget

November 17: Vote on 2020 Budget

November 20: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from

Saints-in Process

November 21: True Colors Thanksgiving Soul

Supper

November 22-23: Youth Fall Retreat

November 27: No Evening Activities/Supper

Yet because the widow
keeps bothering me,
I will grant her justice.

~ Luke 18:5a

But Jacob said
[to the man with whom he wrestled],
'I will not let you go
unless you bless me.'

~ Genesis 32:26

God's love is
not only persistent,
but also just.

The central event
of God's loving justice
and just love in Christ
reveals not only God's
powerful resistance
against individual sin,
but also God's
powerful resistance
against the unjust
powers that be.

~ Margit Ernst-Habib, *Feasting on the Word*



*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

This Week at Highland

Sunday, October 20

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. New Members Luncheon

(Fellowship Hall)

12:15 p.m. Global Partnerships Ministry Team

(103)

12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells rehearsal (200)

6:00 p.m. Highland Book Club (Off-site)

Monday, October 21

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth

Commons)

7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, October 22

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship

Hall)

10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship

Hall)

Wednesday, October 23

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)

Youth Group (Youth Suite)

Quarterly Church Conference

(Fellowship Hall)

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir

Room)

Thursday, October 24

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship

Hall)

Friday, October 25

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering

(Fireside)

5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. Friday Church Ministry Group

(Commons)

Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship

Hall)

Saturday, October 26

5:00 p.m. Wedding (Sanctuary/Commons/

Fireside)

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

Frank Bassett
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Lauren Blackwell
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Linda Campbell
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
ASSISTANT

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Perry Dixon
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Andria Eadens
PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/
OFFICE MANAGER

Austin Echols
ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Jim England
INTERIM PROCLAIMER

Kathy Golightly Sanders
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Carol Harston
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
FAITH FORMATION AND
CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Bill Martin
DEACON CHAIR

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO
YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION

Walter McWhorter
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 2019