

Meditation Austin Echols

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Call to Worship– from Psalm 112 Perry Dixon

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

They will be remembered forever.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Processional Hymn *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!**

**Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!**

Prayer of Praise Lauren Jones Mayfield

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings (96) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Stanza OneThe Gospel Lesson Jim England
Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible page 4 – NT)Sermon Jim England
*Pharisees and Light Switches*Song of Renewal (96) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Stanza Two

News for the Community Perry Dixon

Benediction Jim England

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Prelude Charles Callahan
*Variations on HOLY MANNA***ALLELUIA! LAUD AND BLESSING TO OUR GOD**Call to Worship– from Psalm 112
Please read from the far left panel in today's bulletinProcessional Hymn † HOLY MANNA
text, Michael Morgan*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

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**Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given; arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.**

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awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!**

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.**BY WHOSE GRACE WE FIND REDEMPTION**Call to Prayer – The Epistle Lesson Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)
1 Corinthians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible page 163 – NT)

Prayer of Confession Carol Harston

**We confess that human wisdom has not saved us,
so we strip away the lofty words, O God of Love.**

Rather than define you, we hope to encounter you
as a living God, full of Spirit and power.

**Rather than keeping you at a distance,
we invite you to draw near to us and heal
any shaming thoughts that haunts us from our past.**

Strengthen us to trust your secret wisdom, which is being revealed
to us when we act in faith to free the captives and feed the hungry.

**Your light is rising in the darkness and your compassion
is all we need. Amen.**

Words of Assurance
Isaiah 58:6-10 (Pew Bible pages 674-675 – OT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn Marty Haugen

Eye Has Not Seen
1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Susan Coleman-Layman and Richard Ryan, Soloists

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what
God has read - y for those who love him;
Spir - it of Love, come give us the mind of
Je - sus; teach us the wis - dom of God.

FILL OUR HEARTS WITH UNDERSTANDINGThe Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible page 4 – NT)*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.*Sermon Jim England
*Pharisees and Light Switches***MAY OUR LIVES REFLECT YOUR JUSTICE**Hymn of Response (96) † HOUSTON
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Rebecca Groom te Velde
*Chorale Prelude on HOUSTON*News for the Community Carol Harston (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)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 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 Steven Michael Carr and Larry Davis (9:30); Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons and Cheryl Davis (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 processional hymn, *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. We appreciate the musical leadership of Vi Chatmon and Ben Horman, guitars; Stephanie Hall, flute, in today's worship services.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Marty Spiegel, hospital
Betty Unruh, rehab, radiation

Ongoing Concerns

Janie Blome
Truman Cissell, hearing issues
Sean Cornely, ear surgery recovery
Rob Cosby, surgery recovery
George Ann Gash, broken wrist from a fall
James Hikes, heart issues

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Penny Mosier, surgery recovery
Sue Rowe, rehab, recovery from a fall
Michelle Tupper-Butler, home
Todd Westphal, foot surgery recovery

Christian Sympathy

Tim Moseley, death of mother, Nina Jean Goodman, on 2/2
Kristin Sanders, death of grandfather

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.

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, February 13**, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Ave.). Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

There will be a **Congregational Conversation next Sunday**, February 16, at noon, in Fellowship Hall, to hear important information on the need for a major upgrade to our aging HVAC system that serves our Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and other parts of the building. A light lunch will be served. Childcare will be provided for infants through pre-K.

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on three Sunday mornings, **February 23, March 1, and March 8**, during the 11:00 Bible study hour for our **Highlights Class!** This class offers an in-depth look at Highland Baptist Church so that all may be invited to participate in our congregational life, shared discipleship, and church's mission in the world. Highland's ministry staff will lead the class in conjunction with our New Members Ministry Group. To participate, contact Carol Harston.

HBC Got Skillz, Highland's beloved church-wide talent show, returns on **Sunday, February 23**, at Highlands Community Ministries. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m., and the show starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase in the Commons. *You got skillz?* Please find a youth and their parents with sign-up sheets in the Commons. All proceeds benefit Highland Youth's year and summer trips to Virginia and Miami.

Adult Wednesday Night Class, February 12-19 *Life and Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Dr. Lewis Brogdon returns to us on Wednesday nights, February 12 and 19, at 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, to help us learn more about Dr. King as not just a "dreamer" but as a major Christian theologian. In preparation of this class, we encourage you to read **Stride Towards Freedom: The Montgomery Story**, so that you can read King's own words.

Mark Your Calendars

February: Teacher Appreciation Month
February 13: Table Talk; Young Adult Bible Study
February 16: Congregational Conversation
February 23: Children's Sabbath; Highlights Class; HBC Got Skillz
February 26: Ash Wednesday Service
February 27: Cream of the Crop Lunch/Movie
March 1: Youth-led Worship; Highlights Class
March 8: Highlights Class
March 11-14: Habitat for Humanity Build
March 12: Table Talk



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.



“I have walked that long road to freedom.
I have tried not to falter;
I have made missteps along the way.
But I have discovered the secret
that after climbing a great hill,
one only finds that there are
many more hills to climb.
I have taken a moment here to rest,
to steal a view of the glorious vista
that surrounds me,
to look back on the distance
I have come.
But I can only rest for a moment,
for with freedom comes responsibilities,
and I dare not linger;
for my long walk is not yet ended.”
~ Nelson Mandela

This Week at Highland

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
9:30 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
12:15 p.m. New Members Ministry Group (103)
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

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—Life and Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 13

6:30 p.m. Table Talk (Off-site)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Young Adult Bible Study (Commons)

Friday, February 14

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