

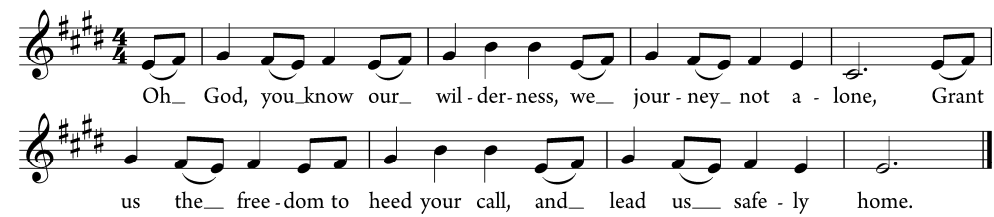
Invitation to Worship Morgan Heeke and Blake Sinclair

Opening Words Holland Baker and Amelia Sipe

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 Come, find strength for the journey.  
**Let us worship the one, true God.**

Lenten Refrain Diane Brewer and Austin Echols

*Oh God, You Know Our Wilderness*



Prayer of Confession Hannah Cooksey and Hannah Harris

**Loving God, we confess that we have allowed age and identity to separate us. But no matter how young or old we are, we know what it means to be in the wilderness. When we feel alone, it is easy to lose hope. Lead us away from the temptation to give up. Remind us that we are with You and You are with us. Forgive us, God, and remind us that we only find the promised land when we do it together. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Iris Murphy and Cole Barton  
 Psalm 32:6-7 (Pew Bible page 496 – OT)

Prayer of Praise Meredith Farnsley and Livia Mayfield

The Gospel Lesson Jessie Burke and Tate Sinclair  
 Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 3 – NT)

Homily Jackson Huse

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Ben Pacyga and Lula Mae Solley  
 Exchange of Peace  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Words of Institution  
 Communion Music Griffen Farnsley, Guitar

*All bread served is gluten free.*

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

Song of Renewal (15) *God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal*  
 Stanzas One and Four

News for the Community Perry Dixon

Benediction

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Organ Prelude arr. Nancy and Randall Faber  
*Amazing Grace*  
 Jude Mayfield

## CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

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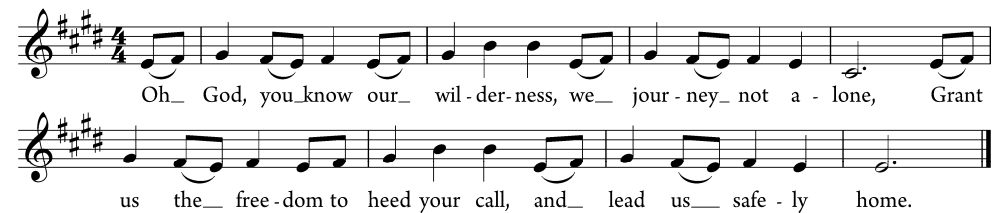
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The Hebrew Lesson Cooper Sinclair and Ava Paprocki  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (Pew Bible pages 2-3 – OT)

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Prayers from the Youth Community

Lenten Refrain Brewer and Echols

*Oh God, You Know Our Wilderness*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (15) † JOYFUL SINGING  
*God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal*

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## PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

Homily Jack Bell

Homily Jackson Huse

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## A TIME FOR OUR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (456) † DOVE OF PEACE  
*I Come with Joy*

Offertory Prayer

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Doxology † WONDROUS LOVE

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!  
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

Benediction

Postlude Austin Echols

*Lenten Reflections*

† *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

Highland's youth consider it a gift to take the first steps of the Lenten journey with you in worship. All of us are familiar with the wilderness—*anxiety, grief, longing, busyness, exhaustion, groundlessness.* The wilderness and its emissaries are legion. But the promised land is familiar, too: knowing one another and being known, God's inclusive love and presence in all seasons, spontaneous joy, true belonging, and more. God in the wilderness and promised land, with each of us. Mystery and epiphanies woven intricately together as we walk the road: we are not alone.

Every year, Highland's youth community is invited to dream together and lead worship for our community. Today's service has been possible because of all the adults who have served this school year as teachers and mentors: Meredith Bell, Helen Hinton, Tyler Swim, Sally Evans, Michele Smith, Tanya Cornely, John Foster, and many others who have served as chaperones, in times of need, and as fellow travelers alongside our youth. We also recognize the remarkable leadership of our Youth Ministry Group: Troy Burden, Kevin Burke, Amy Pacyga, Jason Baker, Zach Watson, Ben Pacyga, and Holland Baker. We are thankful for Troy as he steps into a new season away from YMG, as well as for Andrea Sinclair and Cara Solley as they join us!

Leslie Townsend from Worship Ministry Group served as collaborator with the youth for today's service. Nicole Farnsley created the artwork on the front of our bulletin.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Scott Blome**, illness  
**Frank Tupper**, hospital, pneumonia

### Ongoing Concerns

**Truman Cissell**, hearing issues  
**Rob Cosby**, home  
**Penny Mosier**, surgery recovery  
**Virginia Phelps**, heart stent recovery  
**Sue Rowe**, rehab, recovery from a fall  
**Marty Spiegel**, home  
**Betty Unruh**, home

## This Week at Highland

### Sunday, March 1

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  
Highlights Class (Commons)  
12:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (103)  
12:15 p.m. LGBTea+ Time (Fellowship Hall)  
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)

### Monday, March 2

4:00 p.m. Mission Minded Women (Fireside)  
6:00 p.m. Ministry Council (200)

### Tuesday, March 3

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

### Wednesday, March 4

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Called Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
Children's Activities (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Youth Group (Youth Suite)  
6:10 p.m. Adult Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, March 5

6:00 p.m. Theology on Tap (Off-site)  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)  
Prayer Shawl Women (Off-site)

### Friday, March 6

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

## 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.

The 3-week **Highlights Class** continues **this morning** during the 11:00 Bible study hour for new visitors and prospective members. 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.

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately **following today's 11:00 worship for LGBTea+ Time.** This is a casual group open to members of the LGBTQ community and their allies for conversation and relationship building.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet on Sunday, **March 8**, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is invited!

Ministry Council invites you to attend a **Called Business Meeting this Wednesday, March 4**, at 6:00 p.m. The agenda includes the following:  
(1) A recommendation from the Deacons for Bill Campbell to fill Michael French's unexpired term,  
(2) Ministry Council's recommendation of four new members of Congregational Engagement Ministry Group, and  
(3) the creation of an Ad Hoc committee to explore the financial feasibility of the possible HVAC renovation.

### Mark Your Calendars

March 1: Youth-led Worship; LGBTea+ Time  
March 4: Called Business Meeting  
March 5: Theology on Tap  
March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins; Highlights Class; Highland Book Club  
March 9: Joint Global Missions meeting  
March 11-14: Habitat for Humanity Build  
March 12: Table Talk; Young Adult Bible Study  
March 13-14: Women's Retreat  
April 1: No Evening Activities/Supper  
April 5: Easter Festival  
April 8: Holy Wednesday Service  
April 9: Maundy Thursday Service  
April 10: Tenebrae Service



With great compassion Jesus healed the sick, some outside in and others inside out. *He trafficked with the people of the land, ritually unclean but his acceptance unqualified.* Crowds constantly followed him: a captivating teacher, a fascinating storyteller, a master of incisive one-liners. He was branded a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners, because they all saw dignity in the reflection of his eyes and the Welcome of God in the warmth of his smile. He celebrated the arriving kingdom of God at every shared meal, the anticipation of the messianic banquet in the eschatological future of God. ~ *Dr. Frank Tupper, A Scandalous Providence*



*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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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

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# HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### MARCH 1, 2020