



I am a child of God  
I have everything I need.  
This beautiful earth feeds my body.  
You feed my soul.  
You guide me in the ways of Life, for You are Life.  
And though I will walk through dark places,  
and eventually to death,  
I need never be afraid.  
For You are with me always,  
In You I can find comfort.  
With Your help, I can face whatever comes.  
My joy overflows.  
Your goodness and blessing will be with me  
Every day of my life — and forever.  
~ *Psalm 23 from Psalms for a New World*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Meditation

arr. Francis Jackson

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Introit

LAND OF REST

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

Call to Worship

Jim England

We look on the outward appearance;  
God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World,  
give us eyes to see as you see!**

Hymn

WONDROUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**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.**

The Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-9a, 16b-41 (Pew Bible pages 100 -101 – NT)

A Story of Blindness

Jim England

## A TIME FOR CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

Lenten Refrain

D. Brewer and A. Echols

*O God, You Know Our Wilderness*

Oh\_ God, you know our\_ wil - der - ness, we\_ jour - ney\_ not a - lone, Grant  
us the\_ free - dom to heed your call, and\_ lead us\_ safe - ly home.

Prayer of Confession

Perry Dixon

**O God, when we are given every reason to live by fear, may we choose love and trust in you. Yet we must confess we have hoarded things when others were in need. We have envied others' excess when we were the ones in need. Forgive us. When we feel relief that it is others who are affected by illness, forgive us. May we be the community that heals blindness, including our own. Keep us from blindly using people to support our own religious agenda, and help us see others as your ongoing works of art. And though we may keep our distance these days from the sanctuary we have built, it does not hold our trust, for today we confess our faith in you, O God, our only sanctuary. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm

Psalm 23 from *Psalms for Praying*

Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Althouse

The Exchange of Peace

Perry Dixon

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Words of Praise – from Ephesians 5:8-14

Kathy Collier

For once you were darkness,  
but now in the Lord you are light.  
**Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light  
is found in all that is good and right and true.**  
Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,  
but instead expose them. For it is shameful even  
to mention what such people do secretly;  
**but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,  
for everything that becomes visible is light.**  
Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,  
**and Christ will shine on you.”**

Hymn

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call from songs of loudest praise:  
teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

## A TIME FOR OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Response

LAND OF REST

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

**You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**

**Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.**

Offertory Prayer

Jim England

We encourage everyone to continue supporting Highland's  
work of Love through our website: <https://hbclouisville.org/give>.

News for the Community

Perry Dixon

Benediction

Jim England

As we go out and come in,  
**may God keep us by sunlight and moonlight;**  
may Christ encompass us with love;  
**and may the Holy Spirit transform our wilderness  
into promised land. Amen.**

Choral Benediction

ST.COLUMBA  
arr. A. Echols

*And So Through All the Length of Days*

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