



With Your help, I can face whatever comes.
My joy overflows.

~Psalm 23 translation by Christine Robinson

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Carol Harston

Prelude

William H. Harris

Prelude in G

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

Call to Worship

Kathy Collier

Sisters, brothers, and siblings, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way all may have life, and have it abundantly.

Hymn of Praise

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed,
Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *REFRAIN*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mind, with ten thousand beside! *REFRAIN*

Prayer of Praise

Jack Bell

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

A Reading from Acts

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Acts 2:42-47

Choral Call to Prayer

BRADBURY

Thou Has Promised to Receive Us

The Morning Psalm

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 23

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that there are many voices calling for our attention. In our striving, we struggle to hear your steady and faithful voice. Forgive us. For we know the voices of consumerism, instant gratification, selfishness, and fear-of-other stifle your voice. Yours is a voice that calls us to humility, unity, joyfulness, and honesty. Give us pause that we might attune our ears once more to you, the Good Shepherd who calls us back to abundance and wholeness. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:8-9

Hymn (405)

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Stanzas One, Two, and Four

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need Thy ten - der care;
2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Thou has prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do Thy will;

in Thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use Thy folds pre-prepare:
keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with Thy love our be - ings fill:

bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are;
bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou has loved us, love us still;

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STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

The Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Carol Harston

Sermon

The Christ-Voice That Will Never Let Us Go

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME!

Anthem

Christus Paradox

PICARDY

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in the eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life. ~ *Sylvia Dunstan, 1955-1993*

Offertory Prayer

Vaughn Bell

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News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

As is Highland's tradition since its beginning, we collect an additional offering for our Fellowship Fund on Communion Sundays. Your generosity offers support to those in need in our community.

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

Carol Harston

Postlude

In Green Pastures

Harold Darke

Vaughn Bell and Jack Bell are our lay leaders for today's service offering prayers on behalf of our faith community. Vaughn works in mental healthcare serving hospitals in marketing and business development. Vaughn serves on Highland's Personnel Ministry Group and is a member of the Seekers Bible Study Class. Jack is part of Highland's youth group and a student of the 2020 graduation class of DuPont Manual High School.

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