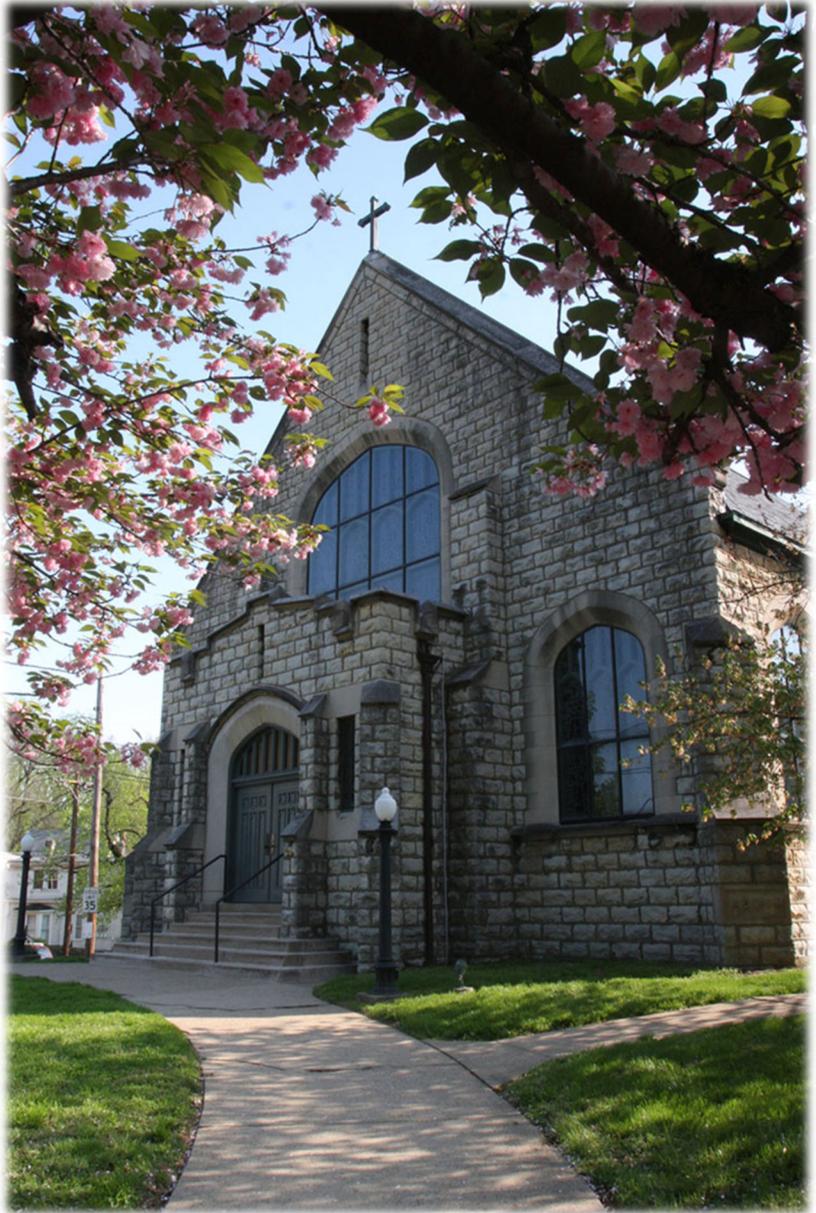


Let me keep  
my distance,  
always,  
from those  
who think  
they have  
the answers.  
Let me keep  
company  
always with  
those who say  
'Look!'  
and laugh  
in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.

*"Mysteries, Yes"*  
~ Mary Oliver



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 14, 2020**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

SLANE  
arr. Chris de Silva

*Be Thou My Vision*

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

Call to Worship – from Psalm 116

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**You have made us and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

Go through the gates with thanksgiving,  
and into the courts with praise.

Give thanks and bless God's name.

**You are good; your steadfast love endures forever,  
and your faithfulness to all generations.**

**Let us worship God.**

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

Alecia Fuller

## PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

The Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Carol Harston

There is a chasm between our hopes for the world and our realistic expectations.

**Riddled with contradictions and confusion, we desire your favor  
but laugh at your extravagant promises.**

We cry out for help but shudder at your response.

**We confess that cynicism and sarcasm keep us from vulnerability before you.**

Surprise us again by revealing how you do your best work in the chasm.

Grant us the courage to receive your forgiving hand,  
which will lead us onward, healing our hearts and changing this world.

**In the name of the Repairer of the Breech, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

The Exchange of Peace

Perry Dixon

Anthem

text from The Lutheran Book of Worship  
music by Austin Echols

*Lord God, You Have Called Your Servant*

Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Lord God, You have called your servants. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us; and your love is supporting us. Lord God, You have called your servants. Amen.

## STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Introduction of Rev. Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Bob Cunningham

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME

Hymn (473)

KELVINGROVE

## *Will You Come and Follow Me*

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?  
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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Offertory Prayer

Kathy Belcher

A Word from the Pastor Search Committee

Bob Cunningham

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;  
grace to risk something big for something good;  
and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything  
but the truth and too small for anything but love. Amen. ~*William Sloane Coffin*

Postlude

ST. ANNE  
arr. W. T. Best

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*