



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
PRIDE SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2020
10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

arr. Jay Rouse

Be Thou My Vision
Cathy Ryan, piano

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Call to Worship

Jim England

We gather with shouts of praise.

We are ready to sing out and clap for all God has done.

We gather with prayers for peace.

We offer them with humbled hearts.

We gather knowing that God takes pride in all of God's creation.

We are God's children, the ones in whom God delights.

Hymn of Praise

NETTLETON

Praise the Source of All Creation

**Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,
blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.**

**Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,
streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.**

**Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;
many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.**

**Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,
we will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.**

**Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind, and soul,
reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.**

**Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;
praise the great Creative Spirit, living in us and above.**

Prayer of Praise

Bojangles Blanchard

IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES

The Hebrew Lesson

Perry Dixon

Genesis 21:8-21

Choral Call to Prayer

DANBY

Incline Your Ear, O Lord to Me

The Morning Psalm

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come to you with heavy hearts, for in this season we have experienced isolation and distance. Our bodies and souls ache for company, stability, and answers. Yet, for so many of our siblings these experiences are not new. Forgive us, Lord, not for the distance we have kept during this pandemic, but for the more traumatic distance that we have created and enforced. Forgive our silence when we know we could speak. Forgive our unease when we know there could be comfort. Forgive our stillness when we know there could be action. Redeem us, O God. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1b-4

The Exchange of Peace

Lillian Glover

Hymn

text by Ragan Courtney
music by Cynthia Clawson

The Journey

Richard Ryan, Soloist

I'm making a journey Lord, the greatest journey of all. My steps may fail Lord, so, please don't let me fall.
The way is narrow Lord, and sometimes I feel alone, and when my heart fears Lord, I softly pray this song.
Give me a heart to be pure, give me the faith to be sure, give me the strength to endure, all of my tribulations.
I need some courage Lord, to make it just one more mile, I want to hold your hand, I want to see you smile.
Give me a heart to be pure, give me the faith to be sure, give me the strength to endure, all of my tribulations.

MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

John Russell Stanger

Sermon

ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE

Hymn of Response

SPARROW

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm freed,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction

John Russell Stanger

Postlude

Charles H. Gabriel

My Savior's Love

Cathy Ryan, piano

We welcome John Russell Stanger to Highland as today's proclaimer. He is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a psychotherapist in private practice in Louisville. He has previously served as the pastor of United Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, KY and the executive director of Parity, a faith-based LGBTQ advocacy organization in New York, NY. John Russell's call story and the work of Parity are featured in the documentary [*Out of Order*](#), which tells the story of LGBTQ people claiming their place in the pulpit. He takes part in the life of Highland Baptist Church alongside his husband, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons.

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons serves Highland as a deacon and is leads the Good Time Gospel Hour Bible Study Class. He is a fellow with the Faith and Progressive Policy Initiative at American Progress and author of the new book, [*Just Faith, Reclaiming Progressive Christianity*](#).

We appreciate the musical leadership of Cathy and Richard Ryan in today's service. They joined Highland in 2018 and are members of the Messengers Bible Study Class. Cathy rings in the handbell choir and Richard sings in Sanctuary Choir. Cathy recently retired after serving as a public school administrator in Southern Indiana for over 30 years. Richard's life career was in church music and serves as a corporate sales trainer.

Lillian Glover teaches the Catch All Bible Study Class and leads Highland's Environmental Action Mission Team. She also serves on the Young Adult Ministry Group and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Bojangles Blanchard joined Highland in 2009 and has worked closely with the True Colors Mission Team since its inception. He currently serves on Ministry Council. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville and is co-moderator of the Affirming Network of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He and his husband, Dominique, are proud parents of their son, Josiah.

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