



I seek this day
an active wonder ...
The illumination
of wonder
over my familiar landscape,
revealing in ordinary things,
fresh glories;
making manifest
in my familiar heights
and depths
that which
I have never known -
this I need
and *I seek* this day.

~ *Howard Thurman*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020
10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

arr. Daniel Kallman

Children of the Heavenly Father
Highland String Ensemble

THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS SHALL BREAK FORTH WITH SINGING

Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:10-13

Perry Dixon

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Hymn of Praise

TEMPLE OF PEACE
Mary Louise Bringle, text

Light Dawns on a Weary World
Stanzas: Austin Echols

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth in singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Prayer of Praise

Zeke Braun

LOVE BLOOMS IN A WEARY WORLD:
THE PROMISED GREEN OF EDEN COMES

The Morning Psalm from *Psalms for Praying*

Psalm 119:105-112

Perry Dixon

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

All our life, we have chased after you with the hope of figuring out the divine mystery,
predicting the glory of God, and making Christ understandable to the masses.

**In our enthusiasm, we harness your words' power rather than
relinquish control so that your words can bring forth new life.**

We place limits upon you, rather than asking you to help us face our own limits.

We think you are ours to understand when you ask us to love you and receive love in return.

Free us from the bondage of predictable lives with a predictable Christ.

Challenge us, shock us, and restore us with your words of life that sound new every morning.

Words of Assurance – inspired by Romans 8:1-11

The Word came in the flesh of Jesus and lived among us, changing everything.

In joy as children adopted by God, let us say together in one voice,

**Today is not a day for condemnation. God is not here to scold us for our faults,
rebuke us for our failures, or shame us for our limitations.**

Today is a day to open our eyes and recognize that God has set us free through Christ.

All we wanted—never-ending life with hope for tomorrow—

**is ours not because of our achievements but because of God's love
found in the resurrected Christ.**

The Exchange of Peace

Music of Assurance

O WALY, WALY

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet.

Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

Your precepts are my heritage, they make my heart and soul rejoice.

To keep your statutes faithfully shall ever be my willing choice.

LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD:
THE PROMISED DAY OF JUSTICE COMES

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

Jim England

Sermon

Seedless Faith

LOVE GROWS IN A WEARY WORLD:
THE PROMISED FEAST OF PLENTY COMES

Instrumental Meditation		arr. Brent Olstad
	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> Highland String Ensemble	
Offertory Prayer		Ainsley Braun
News for the Community		Renee Purtlebaugh
Benediction		Jim England
Postlude		arr. Michael Burkhardt
	<i>Light Dawns in a Weary World</i>	

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Light Dawns on a Weary World*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We are grateful to Zeke and Ainsley Braun for their prayers in today's service. Zeke will be in the fourth grade at Eisenhower Elementary School. He participates in Highland's programming for children through Bible Study and Children's Choir. Ainsley will be a seventh grader at Western Middle School for the Arts and is active in the youth department.

We are grateful to today's String Ensemble, Bruce Maples, Director, and Sharon Sanders for their musical leadership in today's service.

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