



Christ the Way of life possess me,  
lift my heart to love and praise;  
guide and keep,  
sustain and bless me,  
all my days.

Well of life, forever flowing,  
make my barren soul and bare  
like a watered garden growing  
fresh and fair.

May the Tree of life in splendor  
from its leafy boughs impart  
grace divine and healing tender,  
strength of heart.

Path of life before me shining,  
let me come when earth is past,  
sorrow, self and sin resigning,  
home at last.

*~ Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1988*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 19, 2020**  
**10:00 A.M.**

*Christ the Way of Life Possess Me*  
The text is printed on today's bulletin cover.

**THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY,  
LIKE THE WIDENESS OF THE SEA**

God, you gave birth to the universe.  
We have come to worship the living God,  
**who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,  
and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**  
We have come to worship the almighty God,  
**who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good;  
3. But we make His love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;  
4. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;  
5. If our love were but more sim-ple, we could take Him at His word;

there's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.  
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in His blood.  
and we mag-ni-fy His strict-ness with a zeal He will not own.  
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
and our lives would be more lov-ing in the like-ness of our Lord.

# THERE IS WELCOME FOR THE SINNER, AND MORE GRACES FOR THE GOOD

The Hebrew Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm Refrain

*Lord, You Have Searched Me*  
Cameron Carnes, Baritone

Refrain



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

Prayer of Confession – from Psalm 139

Perry Dixon

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it completely.  
**You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**  
**Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?**  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits  
of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;**  
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
**Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.**  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm Refrain

*Lord, You Have Searched Me*

Words of Assurance

Romans 8:18-25

The Exchange of Peace

*Christ Be My Leader*

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
 3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness for He is the Way.  
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for He is the Truth.  
 death can - not hold me, for He is the Life.

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture His care,  
 Grant me to trust Him; though shift - ing as sand,  
 Dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD IS BROADER  
THAN THE MEASURE OF THE MIND

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jim England

Sermon

*A Farmer's Rebuke*

AND THE HEART OF THE ETERNAL IS MOST WONDERFULLY KIND

Solo

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument*  
Cameron Carnes, Baritone

Jonathan Willcocks

Offertory Prayer

Jerry Burske

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction

Jim England

Postlude

*Meditation on SLANE*

Hal H. Hopson

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Phrases from our hymn of praise, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We appreciate the leadership in worship of Jerry Burske and David Hartley. They joined Highland in 2003 and are members of the Nomads Bible Study Class. David currently serves as a deacon and together they serve on the New Members Ministry Group. David is a director at Ratterman Funeral Home on Bardstown Road. Jerry retired from PNC Bank and is working in the Linn Station Road Pharmacy of Kroger. They both enjoy being greeters for worship.

Cameron Carnes is one of Highland's Choral Scholars singing in the Sanctuary Choir. Cameron is a junior at University of Louisville majoring in vocal performance. A Louisville native, he is a graduate of Youth Performing Arts School.

Today's Choral Introit was recorded by a Sanctuary Choir Ensemble. The brass Ensemble heard in the opening hymn was from recorded worship on August 4, 2019.

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