

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17, 2021 ■ 10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Carol Harston

Prelude

Craig Phillips

Arioso

O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER
THAT STUMBLES WALLS OF FEAR

Call to Worship

Perry Dixon

The One who calls you together yearns for each of you, and for all people,
to hear the sound of freedom, to be one in Christ, and to be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing prophets like Martin Luther King
And trustworthy words from our leaders, for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

The One who guides you, guides all people in the mighty moments
of our country and in the personal moments at home.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

O Praise the Gracious Power

1. O praise the gra - cious power that tum - bles walls of fear
 2. O praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3. O praise in - clu - sive love en - cir - cling ev - ery race,
 4. O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5. O praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - ery shore
 6. O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.

and gath - ers in one house of faith all stran - gers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that binds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no long - er bled by war:
 Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the cru - ci - fied:

We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!
 We praise you Christ!

Prayer of Praise

Doris Hornbuckle

O PRAISE INCLUSIVE LOVE ENCIRCLING EVERY RACE

The Hebrew Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Renee Purtlebaugh

The Morning Psalm

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Kathy Collier

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

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

God of Mercy, we ask you to speak to us, and yet when you do, we do not recognize your voice.

We long to serve you, but we get lost amid the busyness of daily life.

Still, you know us intimately, O God. You created us wonderfully and reverently.

Forgive us when we think that you do not care; for you know us through and through.

Your thoughts of peace and beauty outnumber even the grains of sand.

Sustain our worry and unrest.

Moment of silence...

We ask your pardon in all humility and grace.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn (482)

HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**O PRAISE THE WORD OF FAITH
THAT CLAIMS US A GOD'S OWN**

The Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Speak Lord, for Your Servant is Listening!

O PRAISE THE POWER, THE TRUTH, THE LOVE

Hymn

text, Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
music, Austin Echols

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my heart it is thine own it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Offertory Prayer

Bill Campbell

News for the Community

Carol Harston

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Robert Hobby

Voluntary on MARION

Today in Worship

We are grateful for today's prayers in worship being led by Highland's current deacon chair and vice-chair. Doris Hornbuckle serves as Chair of Deacons. She and her husband, Richard, joined Highland in 1991 and she co-teaches the Nomads Bible Study Class. Bill Campbell is currently our Deacon Vice-Chair. He and his wife, Linda, joined Highland in 1994. Bill is our unofficial but very important church photographer.

We appreciate the musical leadership from the Sanctuary Choir Ensemble in today's worship: Linda Campbell, Cameron Carnes, Nicolas Claussen, Mary Miller Dwyer, Ben Horman, and Hannelore Mehler.

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