

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 24, 2021 ■ 10:00 A.M.

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Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Choral Introit

Hal Hopson

*O Come, Let Every Heart and Voice Sing Out Your Praise*

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD

Call to Worship – from Psalm 62

Lauren Jones Mayfield

For God alone our souls wait in silence,  
for our hope is from God.  
**God alone is our rock and our salvation,  
our stronghold;**  
We shall never be shaken.  
**Trust in God at all times, O people;**  
Pour out your heart before God;  
**When we are in danger,  
God is our safe shelter.**

*How Firm a Foundation*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

## FEAR NOT, I AM WITH THEE, O BE NOT DISMAYED

The Hebrew Lesson

Perry Dixon

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

God of refuge, your voice calls out to us. It challenges us to listen with self-reflection. It compels us to act prophetically. It summons us to move with courage toward justice. And yet, we hide. Forgive us as fear covers our ears. Forgive us as comforts shield us from feeling. Forgive us as we turn inward toward our own interests. Forgive us! Remind us that we will find refuge and courage not in the belly of a whale, but as we turn, crawl, walk, and run toward You. Amen.

Music of Assurance

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

*Beautiful Savior*  
Ben Horman, Tenor

Organ Setting by Herman Schroeder

*SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU*

Words of Assurance

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn

MERLE'S TUNE

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,  
yet lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;  
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?  
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.  
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:  
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.

When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,  
when nation meets with nation and calls the other "friend,"  
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:  
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.

That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,  
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.  
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,  
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.

## I AM THY GOD AND WILL STILL GIVE THEE AID

The Gospel Lesson

Carol Harston

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

*What World Are We Living In?*

# I'LL STRENGTHEN THEE, HELP THEE, AND CAUSE THEE TO STAND UPHELD BY MY RIGHTEOUS, OMNIPOTENT HAND

Hymn (688)

PLEADING SAVIOR

## *Show Us How to Stand for Justice*

1. Show us how to stand for jus-tice: how to work for what is right,  
2. Teach our hearts to trea-sure mer-cy, wheth-er giv-en or re-ceived—  
3. Glad-ly we em-brace a life-style mod-eled on Your liv-ing Word,

how to chal-lenge false as-sump-tions, how to walk with - in the light.  
for our need has not di-min-ished since the day we first be-lieved:  
in hu-mil-i-ty sub-mit-ting to the truth that we have heard.

May we learn to share more free-ly in a world so full of greed,  
let us seek no sat-is-fac-tion boast-ing of what we have done,  
Make us con-scious of Your pres-ence ev-ery day, in all we do:

show-ing Your im-mense com-pas-sion by the life we choose to lead.  
but re-joice that we are par-doned and ac-cept-ed in Your Son.  
by Your Spir-it's gra-cious prompt-ing may we learn to walk with You.

Offertory Prayer	Bob Connolly
News for the Community	Perry Dixon
Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
Benediction	Carol Harston
Postlude	Théodore Dubois
<i>Postlude-Cantique</i>	

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### Today in Worship

We are grateful for today's prayers in worship being led by Bob and Terri Connolly. They joined Highland in 1982 and are members of the Seekers Bible Study Class. They have both served as deacon. Bob has served as a Trustee. Terri has serves on the Hospitality Ministry Group, teaches Preschool Bible Study, and is involved in the Global Partnerships Ministry Team.

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. We also appreciate Sharon Sanders playing the organ for today's Choral Introit.

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