

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021 ■ 10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Stephanie Hall, Flute

Perry Dixon

CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

Choral Introit

TRADITIONAL
arr. Parker and Shaw

I Will Arise

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above, praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace, streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Perry Dixon

Lenten Refrain

text, Diane Brewer
music, Austin Echols

Meet Us in the Wilderness

Meet us in the wil-der-ness, where seeds of hope strug-gle to grow.

See us in our wil-der-ness; give us the strength to walk this road. O

Truth of re-sur-rec-tion, O Source of our te-na-cious souls,

break-ing through this ar-id ground; glimps-es of life to which we hold.

Prayer of Confession

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Oh God, we confess that we not only want to save our own lives,
but we want to gain the whole world as well.

**We live each day relying on ourselves, our resources,
our own striving sense of self-sufficiency.**

The world tells us that we can have it all, do it all, and be it all – and we believe it all.

We hoard, we cling, we grasp, we self-protect.

We run ourselves ragged, until we can run no more.

We forget our own fragility.

We fail to remember that everything comes from You:

this day, this moment, this very breath,

all of it daily bread for the wilderness in which we find ourselves.

Oh God, strengthen us with your sustaining presence.

Nourish us with your steadfast Love.

How quickly we forget that we are dust. Forgive us again, Oh Lord.

But oh, what beautiful things You can do with the dust! Amen.

Words of Assurance—The Morning Psalm

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 22—from *Psalms for Praying*

The Exchange of Peace

Prayer from the Wilderness

Carol Harston

Singing the Stories of Faith

Austin Echols

Solo

arr. Moses Hogan

Give Me Jesus
Emily Stewart, Soprano

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Words of Praise

Renee Purtlebaugh

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Hymn

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove, the
Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will. In
You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in your soul; your

An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love! The
proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Es -
love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll. We

Lord, the great I AM, by__ earth__ and__ heaven con - fessed, we
tab - lished is your law, and__ change - less__ is shall stand, deep
praise you, liv - ing God! We__ praise your__ ho - ly name: the

bow be - fore your ho - ly__ name, for - ev - er blest.
writ up - on the hu - man__ heart by__ your strong hand.
first, the last, be - yond all__ thought, and__ still the same!

Prayer for Resilience

Vance Smith

PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

The Hebrew Lesson

Angela Gorrell

1 Kings 19:1-13

Sermon

Joy in the Wilderness

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn (692)

text, Ken Medema

AURELIA

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

1. Let truth and mer - cy find here a joy - ful meet - ing place.
2. Let truth's bright flame be blaz - ing in all the dark - est hours,
3. So now let peace and jus - tice be nev - er far a - part,

And here let peace and jus - tice be joined in warm em - brace.
con - front - ing schemes of dark - ness, ex - pos - ing e - vil powers.
but flow - ing like a riv - er for ev - ery thirst - y heart.

And in this con - gre - ga - tion let stran - gers now be friends,
Let mer - cy's gen - tle man - ner, so will - ing to for - give,
These two shall be u - nit - ed, a might - y mov - ing stream,

to do the gos - pel's bid - ding 'til wars on earth shall end.
fill war - ring hearts with long - ing 'til in truth's light we live.
up - on whose banks we gath - er to work and pray and dream.

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

Doxology

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Angela Gorrell

Postlude

Carl Piutti (1846-1902)

Meine Hoffnung steht auf Gott
My Hope is Founded on God

Today in Worship

We welcome Rev. Dr. Angela Gorrell as our guest proclaimer today. Dr. Gorrell is a professor of practical theology at Baylor University's Truett Seminary and author of the upcoming book, *The Gravity of Joy: A Story of Being Lost and Found*. She previously served as an Associate Research Scholar at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. She teaches courses about and researches joy, meaning-making, education and formation, new media, and theology and culture. Dr. Gorrell is especially passionate about creating space for people to ask and answer the most important questions in their lives, and she nurtures communities that address the things that keep people awake at night. You can learn more about her at <https://www.angelagorrell.com>.

We are grateful for today's prayers in worship being led by Vance and Missy Smith. They joined Highland in 2017. Missy serves on the Missions and Justice Ministry Group and Anti-Racism Ministry Team. She also teaches preschool Bible Study. Vance also serves on the Anti-Racism Team and is part of the Reparations Task Force. They are proud parents of Morgan and Gabe.

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

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