

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021 ■ 10:00 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Neil Barton, Flugelhorn

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
String Ensemble

TOWNEND, arr. Galkin and Snyder

CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Carol Harston

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we assume ourselves able to convince people that we are full of wisdom by our heroic attempts to win the game, defeat our opponent with our strength, and conquer our foes with righteous indignation.

You know what is within us better than we know ourselves.

Wake us up with forgiveness which reveals our wisdom to have been foolishness all along.

Surprise us with your wisdom which hides in plain sight as weakness.

Let us not hide in humility but rejoice as we remember that you declared our humbled selves as beautiful bearers of your divine image.

Before you and you alone can we be simultaneously revealed, forgiven, and redeemed.

For this gift, we give our praise now and forever, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

JERUSALEM
text, Susan Palo Cherwien

In Peace, in Peace, Through Christ the Door

In peace, in peace, through Christ the Door, we cross where Christ has passed before and journey to that holy place to worship God in courts of grace. Lift up our hearts, with worship fill, and draw us to that center still where Holy, Holy, Holy rends, earth rises up and heaven descends. Come, Holy spirit, come, O Christ, and strengthen us for sacrifice that we become what we are fed: God's living Word, Christ's blessed bread. We give you thanks, Most Holy One, who wondrous work in us has done; arising, may we holy serve and Christlike live for all your world.

Prayer from the Wilderness

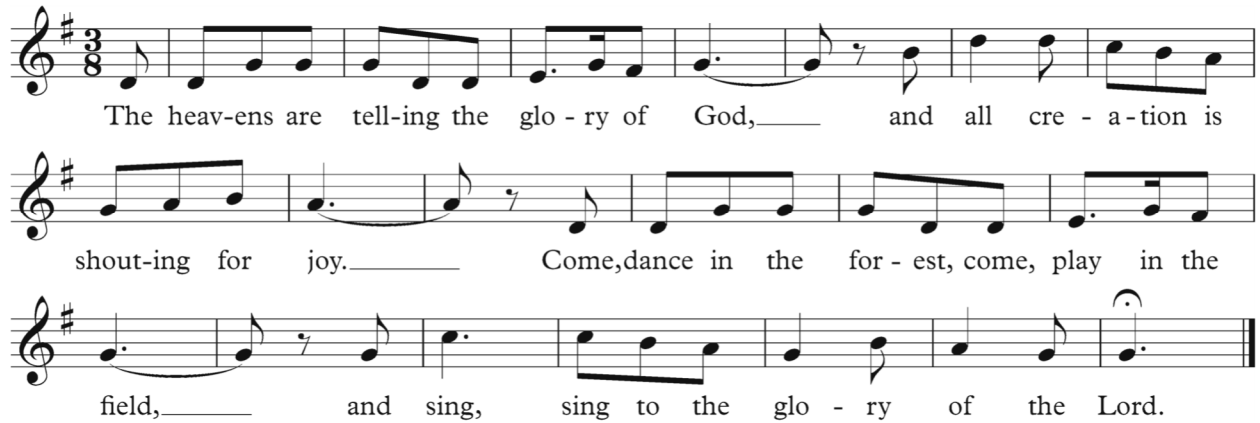
Renee Purtlebaugh

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn

Marty Haugen

The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo - ry of God, and all cre - a - tion is
shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for - est, come, play in the
field, and sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

The Morning Psalm

Psalm 19:1-6, 14

Perry Dixon

Prayer for Resilience

Zach Watson

PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

The Gospel Lesson

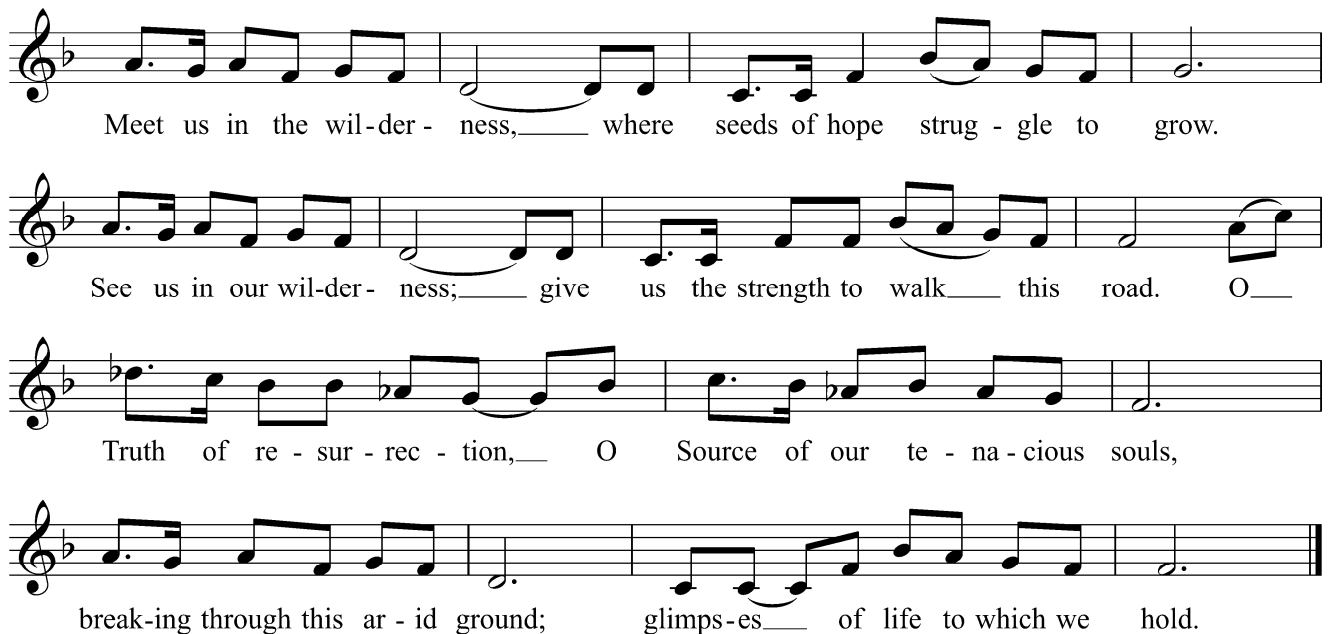
John 2:13-22

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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.

Sermon

Giving Up in the Wilderness

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Communion

Invitation to the Table
Exchange of Peace
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Reception of the Bread and Cup

Lauren Jones Mayfield
Zack Watson

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RESTORATION

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me: lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.**

Offertory Prayer

Ally Watson

News for the Community

Carol Harston

Mission Moment

Jane Parker

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

Postlude

arr. Stephen DeCesare

What Wondrous Love Is This
String Ensemble

Today in Worship

We are grateful today for the gift of music from the String Ensemble: Jonathan Shippey, Charlie Brestel, Susan Hooe, Edward Bridge, Kim Shippey, and Lisa Holm with director, Bruce Maples. We also appreciate the music from Neil Barton, flugelhorn, for today's Invitation to Worship.

We are grateful for today's prayers in worship being led by the Watson family. Ally and Zach joined Highland in 2014 and are the proud parents of four boys—Eli, Milo, Jonah, and Gus. Zach teaches the 4th and 5th grade Bible Study Class.

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

