



## Newsletter - March 31, 2021

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### **Holy Week at Highland** *Resilience Blooms in the Wilderness*

*(Holy Week services will be streamed on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Please note the day and time.)*

#### **Holy Wednesday Service: March 31, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a short time of prayer and reflection. Various Highland musicians will play piano and organ selections. Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Carol Harston, and Perry Dixon will also offer Scripture and prose readings for us to consider in this mid-week moment. For a PDF of the order of worship, [click here](#).

#### **Maundy Thursday Service: April 1, 7:00 p.m.**

The Maundy Thursday service follows *Mandatum novum* - "a new commandment." Lauren Jones Mayfield and Renee Purtlebaugh will read Scripture and poetry and lead hand washing and Communion. For a PDF of the order of worship, [click here](#).

#### **Tenebrae Service: April 2, 7:00p.m.**

The Service of Darkness is based on the ancient word *Tenebrae* ("shadows") and remembers Christ's final moments of suffering and crucifixion. Highland's ministerial staff will lead us in Scripture readings and the Sanctuary Choir Ensemble will provide music for the service. For a PDF of the order of worship, [click here](#).

**Easter on the Lawn: IN-PERSON event outside of Highland**

### April 3, 2:00-4:00 PM

Join us outside of Highland on the lawn from 2:00-4:00 PM for *our first in-person, church-wide event since Covid-19 began!* There will be a collaborative piece of outdoor artwork for everyone in the church to help create, along with Easter treats and activities for children. (Children, please bring an Easter basket with you for a special scavenger hunt!) Steel City Pops will be on site with free popsicles for the first 125 people. You may want to take a family/friend Easter photo outside of the church, too. The Friday Church band will also play live music on the lawn for us to enjoy from 3:00-3:30 PM. You're welcome to bring lawn chairs, spread out around the church, and enjoy this time to reconnect with our ministers and church family.

Our Easter on the Lawn gathering will be a *practice of resurrection* as we mark the beginning of Easter together. Masks are required for all participants ages 3 and older. We hope to see you on lawn this weekend!

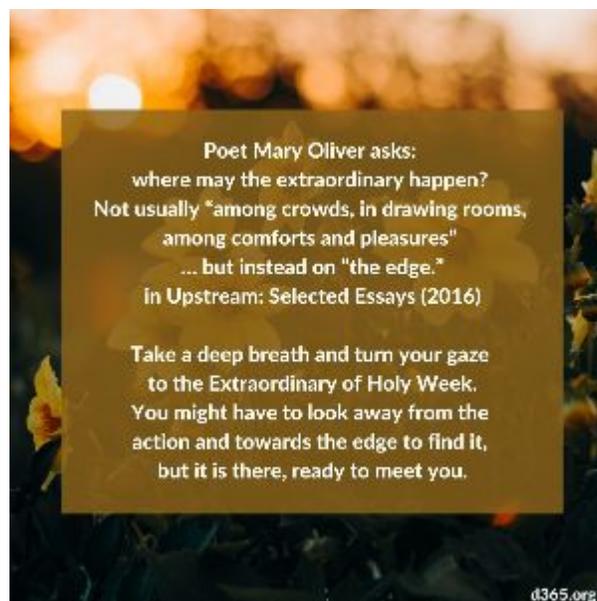
### Easter Sunday: April 4, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Proclaimer

John 20:11-18

Choral Ensemble Anthem: *Christ Rising Again*, K. Lee Scott

Join us virtually for Easter worship as we begin a new Easter series, "Practice Resurrection," based on the [poem by Wendell Berry](#). Let's celebrate together that "the worst things are never the last things" and the resurrection that awaits us on the other side of our wilderness journeys.



### A Blessing for Holy Week

As you go about this Holy Week,  
don't be afraid to go to the edge

of what seems most ordinary and comfortable  
and familiar.

Because if you pay attention,  
you will find that extraordinary Love is hidden  
in the most unexpected places around you,  
and even *within* you.

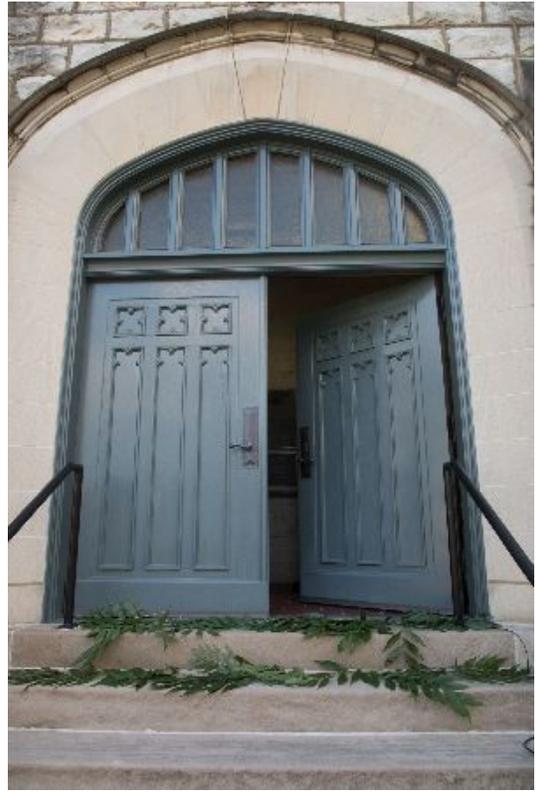
And once you encounter it,  
this Love will never leave you the same.

May you have the courage to show up this week.  
May you live fully in each fragile moment.  
And may you do even the smallest things  
with extravagant Love.  
Amen.

*Mary Alice has written daily Holy Week devotions and blessings for [d365.org](http://d365.org), a  
devotional site produced by Passport for youth and young adults. You're  
welcome to follow along with this week's devotions on their website and on  
Highland's Facebook page.*

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**Palm Sunday**





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## Meetings with Mary Alice

If you weren't able to meet with Mary Alice last fall, she is beginning to meet with people from the congregation again at various times and locations around town. Note that outdoor meetings will be dependent on weather. You can sign up for a time to meet here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ac23a0f9c34-meet4>. Mary Alice will continue updating this schedule over the next few months until everyone has an opportunity to meet with her. She is looking forward to time together with you!

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## Office Updates

The church office will be closed on Monday to give staff a day off after a busy Holy Week and Easter weekend. However, starting next week, we are resuming normal office hours on weekdays from 9 AM - 5 PM. We continue to practice safety in entering and exiting the building together. Please note that until we have an Office Manager, we may not be able to respond to the phone immediately, but we will get back to you as soon as possible. We are also grateful to have Lauren Blackwell back in the office for a few hours each week helping us on a temporary basis as Walter continues to recover. Thank you for your patience with us as we sort out various details in the church office and for your love and care for our church staff!

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### **Easter Lilies**

We gratefully acknowledge the following who gave Easter Lilies.  
This information will also appear in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

#### **Given by**

Bill Ockerman  
Matthew McGarvey  
Lou Ann Iler  
JoAnne Taheri  
Dawn and Ken Burke; Lanna Hardy  
Vi Chatmon and Bruce Carroll

Miriam Elliott  
Nancy Goodhue  
Fran White  
Debbie Lemmon

#### **Given by**

Terri and Bob Connolly

#### **Given by**

Ginger and Lewis Miller

#### **In memory of**

Jeremy Shane Ockerman  
Dr. and Mrs. Butler McGarvey  
James Cleve Iler, III  
Dottie and David Frank  
Norma Graber  
Tom and Marian Carroll  
Henry and Blanche Chatmon  
Bob Elliott; my Mom and Dad  
Phoebe Delamarter  
Ray White  
Betty Lemmon

#### **In honor of**

Our Grandchildren

#### **In appreciation of**

Pastor Search Team

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### **All Things Mission**

#### **Stop Asian American Pacific Islander Violence**

[Here is a list](#) of resources that you can use to educate yourself and others, to take action, and to donate to organizations that support the AAPI community.

#### **Speed Art Museum Breonna Taylor Exhibit**

The anti-racism mission team invites you to visit the Speed Art Museum's exhibit on Breonna Taylor and racial justice, which opens on April 7<sup>th</sup> and extends through June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Titled "Promised/Witness/Remember" the exhibition" will reflect on the life of Taylor, her killing in 2020, and the year of protests that followed in Louisville and around the world, exploring the dualities between a personal, local story and the nation's reflection on the promise, witness, and remembrance of too many Black lives lost to gun violence."

[Here is a NYTimes article](#) about the motivations behind it and opportunities within it.

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### Finance Corner





### **Louisville Homicides**

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed this past week in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Demarcus Thompson, age 49, killed February 15
  - Blake Powell, age 22, killed March 7
  - Richard Sloan, age 33, killed March 15
  - Demontray Rhodes, age 24, killed March 16
  - Jarvis Patterson, age 36, killed March 21
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