

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

~ New Zealand's Lord's Prayer

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 4, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Choral Introit

Gordon Young

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

**FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS,
LORD, WE PRAY WITH ONE ACCORD**

Call to Worship

Jim England (8:45)
Tracy Holladay (11:15)

Together we worship our God who heals the nations.
With one voice, we rise in faith to live love in action.
Our Creator calls us onward into freedom.
We worship united in our common quest for justice.
Grace sufficient for this hour,
we sing as people freed from fear and hatred.
Let us worship God together.

Hymn of Praise (698) †

CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

Prayer of Praise

Jim England (8:45)
Tracy Holladay (11:15)

**YOU, CREATOR, GOD, HAVE WRITTEN
YOUR GREAT NAME ON HUMANKIND**

Anthem

Austin Echols

Take My Life

The Morning Psalm

Renee Purtlebaugh

Psalm 123

Prayer of Confession

Carol Harston

Our vision is erratic and inconsistent. We see only some people as your children, overlooking others whom our eyes have been trained to neglect.

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us. *Silence.*

Our vision is laden with prejudice and favoritism. We rank your creation, assuming our task is to discern who is worthy of love and who is worthy of punishment.

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us. *Silence.*

Our vision is tribal and territorial. We see boundaries and barriers, so we spend our days protecting what we assume to be our personal property at the cost of the human family.

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us. *Silence.*

Words of Assurance

Hymn (697) †

FINLANDIA

This is My Song

BRING THE LIFE OF CHRIST TO MIND

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 6:1-13

Perry Dixon

Sermon

What, to a Christian, is the 4th of July?

Communion

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

Karen Marrolli

Bread of Heaven
Cameron Carnes, Baritone

*Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten free.
Please return to your pew to take the bread and cup.
Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.*

TO A LIFE OF LOVE IN ACTION HELP US RISE AND PLEDGE OUR WORD

Hymn (696) †

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth

ST. DENIO

Offertory Prayer

Evelyn Evans (8:45)
Kim Shippey (11:15)

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

In response to your decision, **we welcome you!**
We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place.
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you,
as we journey in faith together.

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

**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

Perry Dixon

Postlude

arr. Mark Thewes

NATIONAL HYMN

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Today in Worship

Following worship, deacons will be at each exit to collect contributions to the church's Fellowship Fund, which helps those in need in our community. Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *For the Healing of the Nations*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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Upcoming Events at Highland

July 8:	Young Adults NBA Watch Party (8:15 PM)
July 9 & 11:	Church Votes in Worship on Deacon Nominees and Honor Deacon (Jim McBee)
July 10-11:	High School Youth Retreat
July 17:	Youth Pool Party at Missy and Vance Smith's Home
July 18:	Children's Bible Study Returns; Cloud of Witnesses (6:00 PM)
July 30:	Fifth Friday Fellowship at Friday Church (6:30 PM)
August 1:	Guest Proclaimer: Shaw Chin Capps (Global Missions Month); Cloud of Witnesses (6:00 PM)
August 8:	New Youth Parent Welcome (1:00 PM); Installation of Mary Alice as Highland's Pastor (4:00 PM)
August 15:	State of the Church Presentation (10:00 AM, No Adult Bible Study)
August 22:	Party with Your Pastors (6:00 PM)
August 25:	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
August 29:	Deacon Ordination (6:00 PM)
September 12:	Courageous Conversations: Reparations (TBA)
September 19:	Guest Proclaimer: Emily Hull McGee
September 26:	Party with Your Pastors (6:00 PM)



The MISSION of Highland Baptist Church is to be so changed by God's transforming love revealed in Jesus Christ that we are an intriguing, inviting, and inclusive community of faith, filled with generous hearts and passion for God's justice.

Jerre Bassett
CUSTODIAN

LINDA CAMPBELL
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Austin Echols
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG
ADULTS AND MISSIONS

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Kathleen Gordon
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

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MUSIC DIRECTOR
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Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Carol Harston
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
FOR FAITH FORMATION AND
CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Karen Park
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Perry Dixon
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Doris Hornbuckle
DEACON CHAIR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES