



Do not be afraid,
stand firm,
and see the deliverance
that the Lord will accomplish
for you today ...
The Lord will fight for you,
and you have only
to keep still.

~ Exodus 14:13-14

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

Johann Christian Kittel

Allegro

**COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD,
AND LET OUR JOYS BE KNOWN**

Call to Worship - from Psalm 1

Alana Maddox (8:45)
Gary Pennington (11:15)

Happy are those who take delight
in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

In all that they do they prosper.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

**May worship direct our lives toward God's righteous way –
the beautiful dream of God!**

Hymn of Praise (549) †

FESTAL SONG

Come, We That Love the Lord

Prayer of Praise

Alana Maddox (8:45)
Gary Pennington (11:15)

LET EVERY TEAR BE DRY

The Epistle Lesson

James 3:13-16; 4:1-3, 7-8a (Pew Bible page 226– NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Anthem

Randall Stroope

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joyes in love. ~ *from The Temple, 1633, George Herbert, 1593-1633*

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

O God, sometimes our human vision can become so clouded and narrow. Anger overcomes us, blinding us to any sparks of goodness. Internal conflicts and tensions paralyze us. When these moments come, forgive us for the impossible standards of perfection we place on ourselves and others. Deliver us from ourselves. Remind us that our actions are to be wrapped in wisdom, having drawn near to You and You to us. May we know and find once again the Way that is Breath, Light, Strength, Love, Joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance — from James 3:17-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

**And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace.**

The Exchange of Peace

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (682) †

SLANE

Christ Be My Leader

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY KING MAY SPEAK THEIR JOY ABROAD

The Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 14:1-14 (Pew Bible pages 59-60 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Lead Us Not Into Temptation . . . Deliver Us

JOIN IN A SONG WITH SWEET ACCORD

Hymn (285) †

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Offertory Prayer

Justin Boldt (8:45)
Margaret Pennington (11:15)

Offertory

Trio

Josef Rheinberger

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 †

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Toccata in C

Domenico Zipoli

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

Today in Worship

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 today's processional hymn, *Come, We That Love the Lord*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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Courageous Conversations: Reparations Zoom Meeting Today at 4:00 PM Agenda

Opening Prayer:	Nathan Marrs
Introduction to the Report:	Nancy Goodhue
Hearing from the Task Force	
Being Present:	Gator Blanchard
Discussion Questions:	Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Lauren Jones Mayfield
Q & A with Task Force	
Closing Thoughts & Prayer:	Mary Alice and Lauren



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

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.

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