



All shall be well,  
and all shall be well,  
and all manner of things  
shall be well.

*~Julian of Norwich*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude (8:45)

Johann Krieger

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*  
(Our Father Who Art in Heaven)

Choral Introit (11:15)

Mark Patterson

*Live a Life of Love*

Chorister Choir

Be kind to one another. Be compassionate and forgiving. Be children of light and people of faith. Strive to follow all of God's ways and just as Christ gave himself for us, let us learn how to live a life of love. Teach us God how to love one another. Lead us God as we live our lives. Teach us God how to show grace to everyone. Lead us God as we go on the road of life. Stir in us a loving spirit. Guide us with your grace.

## O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER THAT TUMBLES WALLS OF FEAR

Call to Worship — from Psalm 124:1-8

Jim Straus (8:45)  
Kay Keegan (11:15)

If it had not been for God, who was on our side,  
we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;  
**we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.**  
Blessed be the Lord, our protector!  
**God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth. Blessed be God's holy name.**

Processional Hymn (357) †

MARION

*O Praise the Gracious Power*

Prayer of Praise

Jim Straus (8:45)  
Kay Keegan (11:15)

## O PRAISE INCLUSIVE LOVE ENCIRCLING EVERY RACE

Call to Prayer — The Epistle Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

James 5:13-16 (Pew Bible page 227 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Dear God, you call us to pray in our suffering because you care for us.  
**You call us to sing in our joy because you delight in us.**  
Yet, in our busyness, we forget about your concern for us.  
**Therefore, we confess that we do not have all the answers.**  
We do not have all the power. We do not have all the glory.  
**Forgive the ways that we put our kingdom in front of yours.**  
**Readjust our longings with your knowledge, your power,**  
**and your glory so that our prayers are humbled and our joy contagious. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Rejoice! Rejoice! You are being made whole.  
**Redemption is here. Forgiveness extends to everyone.**  
**God's reign empowers us to think, feel, and heal through grace.**

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (409) †

CONVERSE

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**O PRAISE THE WORD OF FAITH THAT CLAIMS US AS GOD'S OWN**

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 6:25-34 (Pew Bible page 6 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*Yours Is the Kingdom Forever . . . Amen.*

Choral Prayer †

*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte

**O PRAISE THE POWER, THE TRUTH, THE LOVE**

Hymn (436) †

LAFFERTY

*Seek Ye First*

Faithful Giving Reflection and Offertory Prayer

Procter Eubank (8:45)  
Anita Roper (11:15)

Offertory

*Variation on a Theme of Corelli*

Aaron David Miller

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

Franklin Ritter

*Voluntary on MARION*

† *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, *O Praise the Gracious Power*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We are thrilled for the Chorister Choir to sing in worship—their first time since February, 2020! All children are welcome to participate in Highland's Music Ministry, a graded music program on Wednesday nights for children ages 3 — 5th grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m. on the second floor. We appreciate Pat Wells playing piano on today's middle hymn.

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## Upcoming Events at Highland

- October 6:** Cloud of Witnesses  
**October 10:** Pride Sunday  
Quarterly Church Conference (4:00 PM)  
**October 17:** Highlights begin during Bible study hour (continuing 10/24, 10/31 and 11/7)  
Reparations Task Force: Listening Session (4:00 PM)  
**October 24:** Fall Festival on the Lawn  
**November 25:** Thanksgiving Service



*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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