



As the bread of life is broken,  
the cup of love outpoured,  
we are one in Christ, our Savior,  
and sent to serve the Lord.

*~ James Chepponis*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

Charles Callahan

*Meditation on THAXTED*

## CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, SING TOGETHER, ALL UNITED IN ONE VOICE

Call to Worship

Lillian Glover (8:45)  
Erin Phelps (11:15)

United in your love, O God,  
**we are one body across the globe.**  
We are branches of one family  
**whose roots run in the waters of grace.**  
We come from many places and bring with us many stories.  
**Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!**

Hymn of Praise (271) †

JUBILEE

*Christian People, Sing Together*

Prayer of Praise

Lillian Glover (8:45)  
Erin Phelps (11:15)

## TEACH US, LORD, TO TRUST EACH OTHER, THOUGH OUR WAYS ARE NOT THE SAME

The Morning Psalm

Lillian Glover (8:45)  
Erin Phelps (11:15)

Psalm 26 from *Praying the Psalms*

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**God of all the earth, you have created us to live together. Still we do not act like one body.  
We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. Forgive us, Uniting God,  
and by your forgiveness challenge us to tend each other's wounds. Remind us that each of us  
is your child, all of us siblings to one another. As Jesus Christ invites us to the table this  
day, the whole world is present. As we are fed, we are called to feed all of God's children.  
In God's Holy Name, Amen**

Words of Assurance—from Hebrews 2:11-12

Jesus calls us siblings.  
**Jesus makes us holy through one common source—God's Love.**  
Jesus announces each of our names in the assembly.  
**Together we praise the one who forgives us and makes us whole.**

Hymn (467) †

THAXTED

*We Are One in Christ*

## GOD CREATED COUNTLESS FACES, YET IN CHRIST WE ALL ARE ONE

The Gospel Lesson

Jim England

Mark 10:13-16 (Pew Bible page 45 – NT)

Sermon

Jim England

*Seeing Beautiful Possibilities*

Anthem

text, Louis F. Benson  
HYFRYDOL, arr. Howard Helvey

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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

*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.*

**SHOW HOW EVERY PERSON MATTERS AS OUR CALLING WE FULFILL**

Hymn of Response (696) †

ST. DENIO

*I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth*

Faithful Giving Reflection and Offertory Prayer

Susan Pierce (8:45)  
Jim Hawkins (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

Jim England

Postlude

arr. Austin Echols

*Morning Reflections*

† *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, *Christian People, Sing Together*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers, sisters, and siblings around the world. Today's display was created by Lou Ann Iler using fabrics given to Highland by Sarah Belcher Halter and her family.

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We welcome Jim England as our proclaimer for today's services. Jim and Mary Helen have been members since 1996. Jim served Highland as Interim Minister twice, mostly recently 2018-2020. Please express your gratitude to Jim for his leadership today.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

**Welcome to Highland!** If you are visiting with us, we are honored that you are here. Please find a minister or deacon for more information about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

We will gather in the Sanctuary for "**Cloud of Witnesses**" **this Wednesday, October 6**, where Erin Phelps, Trace Holladay and Austin Echols will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

**Kentuckiana Pride Parade is ON for Friday, October 8!** If you are comfortable joining us for this (masks and full vaccination required), email or check in with **Lilly Glover today**. We want to make sure we have a core group who is able to march with us.

We are collecting items for the **refugee family adoption program** through Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We will help to welcome an **Afghan family this month**. There is a storage pod in the church parking lot where we will secure your donations. Please contact Jane Parker (grannyjane24@yahoo.com) if you have items to donate.

**Are you new to Highland or have you recently joined our community of faith?** You're invited to join us for 4 weeks of **Highlights classes** on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, starting on **October 17, and continuing through November 7**. This class offers an in-depth look at Highland Baptist Church so that all may be invited to participate in our congregational life, shared discipleship, and church's mission in the world. We will meet outside on the lawn (weather permitting), or inside in the Commons if weather does not allow. To participate, please email Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org.

Busy season in the life of Highland: **Faithful Giving season** is beginning as we look toward our 2022 financial giving year. **Nominations for Ministry Council are due by October 8**—please call the church office or email your nominations to kathleen@hbclouisville.org. Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** is scheduled for October 10—please watch the newsletter and your inboxes for more information. And our **HVAC team** is at a pivotal point in their work and need the church to **vote on a direction for them to go** as they continue their work. You'll be reading more about all these things in the newsletter.

### Mark Your Calendars

- October 6:** Cloud of Witnesses
- October 8:** Pride Parade
- October 10:** Pride Sunday—Dr. Debra Mumford, Guest Proclaimer, Dean of Louisville Seminary Quarterly Church Conference (4:00 PM)
- October 17:** Highlights classes 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 (4:00-6:00 PM)
- November 14:** Emily Hull-McGee, Guest Proclaimer
- November 25:** Thanksgiving Service



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*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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**Bill Campbell**  
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