



I praise you,
for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.

~ Psalm 139:14a

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PRIDE SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

Lani Smith

Trumpet Voluntary

BE WITH US WHEN WE GATHER HERE TO WORSHIP, SING, AND PRAY

Call to Worship - from Psalm 22

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Sally Evans (11:15)

God, you are holy; enthroned on the praises of Israel.
**In you our ancestors trusted; they trust you,
and you delivered them.**
To you they cried, and they were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

Hymn of Praise (286) †

God in Whom All Life Begins

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Prayer of Praise

Diane Endicott (8:45)
Paige Harlow (11:15)

BRING FORTH IN US THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS OF PATIENCE, JOY, AND PEACE

Choral Call to Prayer

K. Lee Scott

The Narrow Way

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; teach me what you would have me do; direct what'er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way. Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide; show me my weakness, let me see I have my pow'r, my all in thee. Assist and teach me how to pray; include my nature to obey; what you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

We seek forgiveness, O God, because we limit your Presence with either/or thinking. We categorize one another based on false certainties; so, we miss your inclusive mystery. You knit us in your divine image—fearfully and wonderfully! Yet, we forget that your tapestry of humanity affirms all genders, loves all sexualities, celebrates all ethnicities. Forgive our narrow-mindedness. Expand the horizon of your creation and the depths of your love that we might see you more fully in one another. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16 (Pew Bible page 215 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Lillian Glover

Hymn †

David Lohman

For All the Children

Ainsley Braun, Nick Claussen, and Sanctuary Choir on Stanzas One-Three
Congregation on Stanza Four and all Refrains

**God, we're working for the future when children far and wide,
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature,
may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. *Refrain***

O, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side. For in God there is a wel-come, in God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

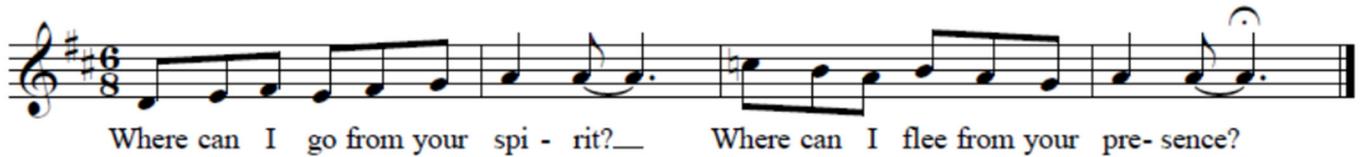
† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

BIND US IN COMMUNITY THAT WE MAY RISK AND DARE

The Morning Psalm

Perry Dixon

Psalm 139:1-14 (Pew Bible page 566 - OT)



Sermon

Debra Mumford

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

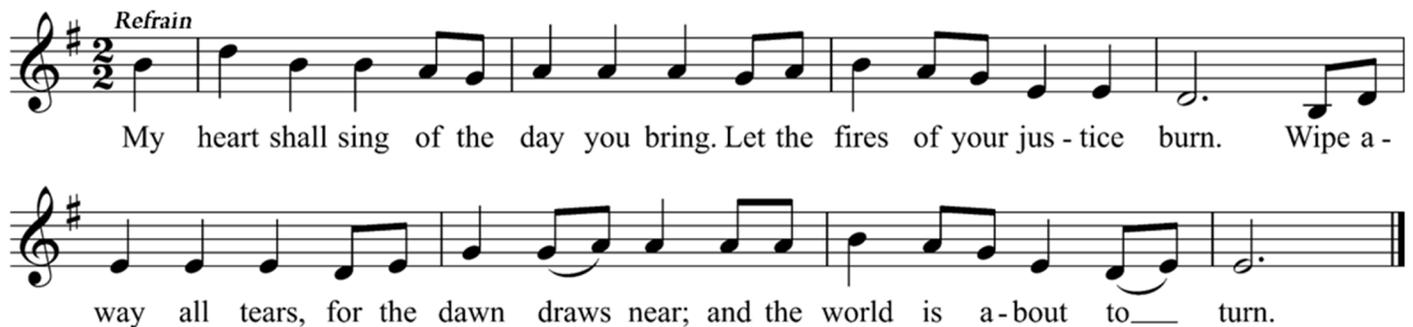
SEND US FORTH IN POWER AND FAITH TO LIVE THE WORDS WE SAY

Hymn of Response †

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
Sanctuary Choir on Stanzas One and Two
Congregation on Stanza Three and All Refrains

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain*



Faithful Giving Reflection and Offertory Prayer

Jackie and Nathan Marrs (8:45)
Lori Foster (11:15)

Offertory

Richard Lloyd

Diludium

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

Austin Echols

Morning Reflections

Today in Worship

We welcome Rev. Dr. Debra Mumford to Highland's pulpit for today's Pride Sunday services. Dr. Mumford is an ordained minister in American Baptist Churches, USA and affiliate minister with the Alliance of Baptists and the Dean of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She majored in mechanical engineering at Howard University and worked in engineering before answering her call to ministry. Mumford served as a youth pastor, associate minister, and church administrator in several congregations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Since 2008, Mumford has served as a mentor for the Louisville Youth Group, a grassroots organization that provides resources and a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people ages 14 to 20.

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.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *God of Whom All Life Begins*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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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 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**

It's a busy season in the life of Highland: **Faithful Giving season** is underway as we look toward our 2022 financial giving year. Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** is scheduled for this afternoon at 4:00—we sent out the agenda, reports and Zoom information yesterday. **Our HVAC Upgrade Team will present important and timely information related to the upgrade project.** Their presentation will provide data that our congregation will need to make informed decisions in the coming months.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 10:** Quarterly Church Conference (4:00 PM)
- October 13:** Go in Peace: Mental Health and Pandemic Self-Care (6:00 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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