



We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe Your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.

~ John Bell and Graham A. Maule

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 24, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

For the Beauty of the Earth

**LORD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE**

Call to Worship – from Psalm 34

Jackie Marrs (8:45)
Dan O’Neil (11:15)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God’s name together.
**I sought the Lord and God answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God

Hymn of Praise (341) †

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For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Praise

Jackie Marrs (8:45)
Dan O’Neil (11:15)

**FOR THE CHURCH THAT EVERMORE
LIFTETH HOLY HANDS ABOVE**

The Hebrew Lesson

Job 42:1-6; 10-17 (Pew Bible page 478 – OT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Call to Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn

O Rest in the Lord from *Elijah*
Hannelore Mehler, Mezzo Soprano

Prayer of Confession

Perry Dixon

Loving God, in our own doubts, we have trod over the faith of others. In our hurry to be elsewhere, we have silenced those who remind us that You are here. We have seen those in need, and we have deemed them unworthy of our own response. We have left those hurting to others and to You. Help us to have faith. Help us to act as if we believe the same One who dwells in the margins is the One who is from the margins. Help our unbelief and make us well. Amen.

Words of Assurance – based on Psalm 34:6

People of God,
the Lord hears, forgives, and saves.
Let us be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before God.

The Exchange of Peace

Congregational Anthem

ST. ANNE
Text, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
arr. David Schwoebel

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The congregation is invited to join in singing the final stanza.

† **Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

**FOR THE JOY OF EAR AND EYE,
FOR THE HEART AND MIND'S DELIGHT**

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible page 46 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Take Heart; Get Up, Jesus is Calling You

**FOR THAT GREAT, GREAT LOVE OF THINE,
PEACE ON EARTH, AND JOY IN HEAVEN**

Hymn (540) †

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

Offertory Prayer

Nathan Marrs (8:45)
Jennifer O'Neil (11:15)

Piano and Organ Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Pethel

News for the Community

Perry Dixon

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

Morning Reflections

Austin Echols

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

Today in Worship

Today we pause to share our deep gratitude with Kathy Collier for 15 years of ministry with us at Highland. Kathy began serving as Highland's Minister of Music and Worship in 2006, although she has also served with our children's choirs and in other musical capacities since the 1980's! We are so thankful for Kathy's thoughtful and intentional leadership among us, for the beautiful ways she nurtures our spirits in worship, and for her wholehearted ministry within our community of faith. We love you, Kathy!

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, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

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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.

Are you new to Highland or have you recently joined our community of faith? You're invited to join us for **Highlights classes** on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, **continuing through November 7**. We are meeting outside on the lawn or inside in the Commons if weather does not allow. **To participate, please email Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org.**

We are celebrating 101 pledges made for a total of \$585,664 on our first commitment weekend. Thank you, Highland! Please consider pledging to support HBC in 2022.

We are excited to introduce new Highland t-shirts for you to purchase! You can order shirts (short-sleeve for \$10 and long-sleeve for \$15) through an online store at this link: <http://store.phoenixbsi.com/hbc>. Click on the word "t-shirt" in the upper left-hand corner of the screen to access the store and view t-shirt options. Orders will not be processed until the store (online link) closes at 9 AM on October 25.

Our Wednesday night series called ***Go In Peace: Mental Health and Self-Care in Pandemic Times*** continues through November 10 at 6:15 PM.

We hope you are planning to join us for an intergenerational **Fall Festival on the Lawn TODAY from 4:00-6:00 PM**. There will be something for all ages as we seek to enjoy this fall season with laughter and fellowship. **Costumes are welcomed** (sweet, not scary please). **And don't miss Perry in the dunking booth!**

Friday Church has been a sacred place of healing and hope for many. A new CD is available featuring songs and singers whose spirit-led creativity, music and determination helped carry us through the pandemic. **Join us at Friday Church at 7 PM on October 29 to receive a free copy of the CD.**

Mark Your Calendars

October 24: Fall Festival on the Lawn (4:00-6:00 PM)

October 27: Go in Peace: Mental Health and Pandemic Self-Care (6:15 PM)

November 14: Emily Hull-McGee, Guest Proclaimer

November 25: Thanksgiving Service—online



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Jerre Bassett
CUSTODIAN

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Megan Fuller
INTERIM CHILDREN AND
FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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