

When our days become dreary
with low-hovering clouds of despair,
and when our nights become darker
than a thousand midnights,
let us remember
that there is a creative force
in this universe,
working to pull down
the gigantic mountains of evil,
a power that is able to make a way
out of no way and transform
dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.
Let us realize the arc of the moral universe
is long but it bends toward justice.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 16, 1967

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 16, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
arr. James Pethel and Stan Pethel

Give Me Jesus

Invitation to Worship

Perry Dixon

Choral Introit

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT
text, John Bell and Graham Maule

Heaven Shall Not Wait
Hannelore Mehler, Mezzo Soprano

WE SHALL OVERCOME

Call to Worship – Micah 6:6-8

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons

“With what shall we come before the Lord and bow ourselves before God on high?
Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
**Shall we give my firstborn for our transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sins of our souls?”**
God has told us, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of us
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

Hymn of Praise

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT
text, John Bell and Graham Maule

Heaven Shall Not Wait

Prayer of Praise

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons

DARKNESS CANNOT PUT OUT DARKNESS

Choral Call to Prayer

MORNING SONG

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

The Morning Psalm

Perry Dixon

Psalm 36:5-10

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

When conflict leads us to division and distrust call us once again to feast on your abundance.
Call us to love without limits. Call us to see the light.

Words of Assurance – from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have decided to stick to love. For I know that love
is ultimately the only answer to mankind’s problems.
I’m going to talk about it everywhere I go.
I’m not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love,
I’m talking about a strong, demanding love.
And I have seen too much hate. Every time I see it,
I know that it does something to their faces
and their personalities and I say to myself:
hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love.

The Exchange of Peace

Musical Meditation

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
arr. James Pethel and Stan Pethel

There is a Balm

BEYOND ONE'S TRIBE

The Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-11

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

No, We Are Not Satisfied

I HAVE DECIDED TO LOVE

Hymn of Response

KINGSFOLD

Together We Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God
who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

John Russell Stanger

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Blessing and Sending Forth of Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons and John Russell Stanger

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

J.K.F. Fisher

Postlude in D

Today in Worship

Excerpts from the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. Today's Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance and Congregational Benediction are from *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World*, by Martin Luther King Jr., edited by James M. Washington. We are grateful to Highland's Anti-Racism Team for their input into today's worship service.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** will be held virtually at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23. Our agenda includes voting on upcoming Ministry Council members, Moderator, Church Clerk, Comptroller, and other ministry group positions, a year-end financial review from the Finance Ministry Group, and updates on next steps for the upcoming capital campaign.
- Since our last Quarterly Church Conference, **Highland has begun working with Ashley|Rountree to guide us in our upcoming capital campaign** as we prepare for our HVAC renovation and additional building updates and repairs that may accompany this project. **Some of you may be contacted to participate in initial interviews** with representatives from Ashley|Rountree as part of our feasibility study for the capital campaign. **You will hear more about this work at our upcoming QCC on January 23, and in subsequent church meetings on February 13 and February 27.** Thank you for joining with us as we seek to be good stewards of our physical space and to invest in the continued work of Love at Grinstead and Cherokee!
- **Plumbing Update**—The church is now the proud owner of a Wilkins RPZ Backflow Preventer which has allowed water to flow freely in the building once again. **As of Tuesday afternoon, water service has resumed in the building.**
- **THANK YOU for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Highland Baptist Church in 2021!** Your gifts of \$1,136,525 are a sign of your love and support of the work that we seek to carry out here in Louisville and around the globe. **The good news is that our income in 2021 exceeded our expenses by \$32,372!** With your gifts in 2021 we were able to share over \$100,000 with outside ministry partners and that is something to celebrate as well. We will share more details during the QCC on January 23. But again, from the Finance Ministry Group and the Faithful Giving Ministry Group, we say thank you for your support of HBC during 2021.



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*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.

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