

Love is not measured in degrees of warmth.
Rather, it is measured by how much tension
and diversity it can take.

It is measured by its elasticity,
its capacity 'not to insist on its own way'
as does knowledge, and other things
when they become touchstones of spirituality.

[But] Love is different.

That is why love builds up.

That is why it is the one thing
without which none of the others will last.

~ Krister Stendahl

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 30, 2022
10:00 A.M.

*Chorale Prelude on O WALY WALY***YOUR BLISS IN OUR HEARTS, LORD, AT THE BREAK OF THE DAY**

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 71

Perry Dixon

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth

so we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

Hymn of Praise

SLANE

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Prayer of Praise

Lauren Jones Mayfield

YOUR STRENGTH IN OUR HEARTS, LORD, AT THE NOON OF THE DAY

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:21-30

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Like those listening to Jesus, prophetic words that challenge our interpretation of the world can be unsettling and confusing. Faced with the choice of resting in discomfort and exploring its source, we too often choose instead to dig in our heels. Forgive us when we draw lines in the sand that lead to distrust and anger within us and within the beloved community. Ground us in the Christ-spirit of love that courageously walks together through fear, making way for the mystery of holy curiosity to birth something new among us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Anthem

arr. Hal Hopson

The Gift of Love
Cameron Carnes, Soloist

YOUR LOVE IN OUR HEARTS, LORD, AT THE EVE OF THE DAY

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

What the World Needs Now

YOUR PEACE IN OUR HEARTS, LORD, AT THE END OF THE DAY

Hymn of Response

BEACH SPRING

We Are Travelers on a Journey

**We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

Offertory Prayer

Perry Dixon

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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

Théodore Dubois

Marcietta

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Lord of All Hopefulness*, 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

- **Join Sally Evans and Mary Alice Birdwhistell for a 4-week series, starting on Wednesday, February 2, about designing a life rhythm that can help sustain us through uncertainty and welcome growth through change.** Parker Palmer said, "We are here not only to transform the world but also to be transformed." In this winter season, let's find what life practices we need in order to grow. **It may not feel like it now, but spring is coming.** We will offer this series **online** starting February 2 at 7:00 p.m. More information will be available in next week's newsletter about how to join us virtually, or how to watch the recording at another time.
- **Highland is in the beginning stages of a capital campaign to raise funds needed to update our aging building so that we can continue to do the work of Love here at Grinstead and Cherokee for many years to come.** We are asking everyone at Highland to please participate in a **confidential survey** so that we can receive your feedback on the proposed project and campaign. **The deadline for participating is Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** (No responses will be accepted after that time). The survey can be found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HighlandBaptist>. If you need a printed copy of the survey, please come by or call the church office at 451-3735. Thank you in advance for your support in this important effort, Highland!
- **We look forward to welcoming our friend, Dr. Lewis Brogdon, back to Highland's pulpit on Sunday, February 6.** Dr. Brogdon currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Black Church Studies at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He has led several Wednesday night offerings at Highland over the past several years and served as a consultant for our Reparations Task Force over the past year. **Dr. Brogdon is preparing what will be a challenging and inspiring sermon entitled, "Killing Jesus: Then and Now."**
- **We are beginning a grief group for women that will meet during the day. The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons.** Libby Cunningham will lead the group. Meeting times and dates will be discussed at the first meeting. If you cannot make that time but are interested in attending, please let Cheryl in the church office know (451-3735).



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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.

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