



In America,  
we talk a lot  
about Jesus,  
but I am not sure  
we know the Jesus  
of the gospel writings.

~ *Dr. Lewis Brogdon*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

arr. Richard Proulx

*The God of Abraham Praise*

**THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE**

Call to Worship – from Psalm 138

Nancy Goodhue

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your words above everything.  
On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.  
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*The God of Abraham Praise*

The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove, the  
Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will. In  
You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in your soul; your  
An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love! The  
proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Es -  
love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll. We  
Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed, we  
tab - lished is your law, and change - less is shall stand, deep  
praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name: the  
bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

## Prayer of Praise

Nancy Goodhue

**GOD'S LOVE SHALL BE OUR STRENGTH**

## Choral Call to Prayer

John Rutter

*God Be in My Head*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing. ~ *Old English Prayer*

## The Epistle Lesson

Perry Dixon

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**We confess, O God, that we struggle with the resurrection. It is only by grace that you repeatedly appear to your children. Yet, we still miss out on your Presence because we are lost in our privileges. It is difficult to see past our complicity in systems that marginalize people. We go amuck in our individual pursuits for glory. We bow down to whiteness, supremacy, and all kinds of false gods. We mistake our greed for helplessness. Holy One, forgive us. Redeem our efforts that strive for your justice and love. Remind us that we are not alone. You are with us always. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

God, protect the hope in us. **Help us dream for more.**

There is power in the collective. **We get free together.** ~ Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies*



## Today in Worship

We welcome Dr. Lewis Brogdon as our proclaimer for today's service. 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.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *The God of Abraham Praise*, 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

- **We are excited that in-person worship will resume the weekend of February 11-13, with in-person Wednesday night activities beginning on February 16. We will resume our Sunday schedule of worship at 8:45 and 11:15 AM, with Bible study at 10:00 AM.** Friday Church will continue at 7:00 PM. Masks will continue to be required for all in-person gatherings. **We are grateful to our COVID advisory team for their wisdom and discernment** over the past month as we navigated the Omicron surge. We will continue to stream worship and other gatherings to make them accessible to our entire community.
- **Join Sally Evans and Mary Alice Birdwhistell for The Beat Goes On, continuing on Wednesday, February 9,** about designing a life rhythm that can help sustain us through uncertainty and welcome growth through change. We will offer this series **online** February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- **La Casita Food Collection**—La Casita needs **large bags of black beans and rice**. Please drop off your donations to the church during business hours, or you can get in touch with Jane Parker directly at [grannyjane24@yahoo.com](mailto:grannyjane24@yahoo.com). When we return to in-person worship, you may place your donations in the brown bins outside the choir room. Thank you!
- **Safe Passage Initiative**—This initiative is in partnership with CBF Kentucky and our ministry partners in Morocco. **Together we work to support those fleeing Afghanistan.** To date we have received nearly \$27,000 in gifts and the money is outgoing on a consistent basis to agents of the families currently in both Turkey and Pakistan.
- **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.

**Jerre and Frank Bassett**  
CUSTODIANS

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Fred Bogert**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
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