



I meditate on you  
in the watches  
of the night,  
for you have  
been my help,  
and in the shadow  
of your wings  
I sing for joy.

*~ Psalm 63:6-7*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

Craig Phillips

*Ariosso*

## CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 13:6-9 (Pew Bible page 74 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Blackwell

**Holy God, we confess that we have run from the rich, warm stillness of the darkness and our souls have become barren, losing connection within ourselves, with each other, and with You. Forgive our indifference and complacency and uproot within us that which is not bearing fruit. Ground us in your deep and abiding love as we learn to trust that even when we don't see, growth is happening beneath the surface. Amen.**

Anthem

Moses Hogan

*Hear My Prayer*

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm

Renee Purtlebaugh

Psalm 63:1-8 (Pew Bible page 516 – OT)

The Exchange of Peace

Lenten Refrain

LINDNER

text, Brian Wren

*Holy Is the Dark*

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and contemplative. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God, roll - ing cloud of night be-yond all nam - ing: maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er-gy of love, Word - in-flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing."

A Prayer from the Shadows

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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

*O God You Are My God Alone*

O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek,  
 though longing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my body weak.  
 Just like a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,  
 I long within your house to see your glory and your power.

Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise.  
 Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.  
 My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast.  
 So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.

Throughout the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;  
 in darkest hours I meditate how God, my strength, is kind.  
 Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure;  
 and daily as I follow close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Prayer of Praise

Joey Eubank (8:45)  
 Jim Shelton (11:15)

## PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

The Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 20:18-21 (Pew Bible page 66 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*The Thick Darkness Where God Dwells*

## RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (75) †

GREENCASTLE

*If I Fly as Birds at Dawning*

Offertory Prayer

Procter Eubank (8:45)  
 Becky Hines (11:15)

Choral Offertory

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Mark Shepperd

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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 †

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!  
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,  
 I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Austin Echols

*Lenten Reflections*

## Today in Worship

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.

Tamara Scantland Adams, Highland member and local artist, created the original art for our Lenten bulletins and publications. Please express your gratitude to Tamara for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten journey. We also appreciate today's prayer of confession written by Lauren Blackwell, member of the Worship Ministry Group.

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

- **HVAC Upgrade Project: one Wednesday evening session remaining, March 23 at 6:15**, when we will explore what it means to be "green" with a building project. Kathey Golightly Sanders will discuss good environmental building practices.
- **Palm Sunday on the Lawn—April 10 from 3:00-5:00 PM**: We hope to enjoy a beautiful spring day together on Highland's lawn. **There will be activities for all ages**, including an Easter egg hunt for children. Bring a lawn chair to connect with others and listen to the sounds of the Friday Church Band. More information coming soon!
- **Weekly Lenten Prayers and Reflections on Highland's Facebook and YouTube**—Erin Phelps is coordinating weekly videos of prayer and reflection from Highland members that will be posted online every Sunday evening. We hope they create space for you to unwind with God and embrace the sacred darkness of Lent. **Weekly Lenten Podcast: The Commons @ HBC**—Join David Bannister and young adult special guests as they reflect on sermons during this Lenten journey with the return of our Young Adults Podcast. A new podcast will be available every week of Lent on Tuesday.
- **Learning to Walk in the Dark—A Wednesday Night Book Club on March 30 and April 13**  
As we continue our Lenten journey, join us in reading this book by Barbara Brown Taylor and our Wednesday evening discussions at 6:15 PM.
- **You are invited to purchase Easter lilies** for \$15 in memory/in honor/in appreciation of a family member, friend, or loved one. You may submit payment and information through Highland's website at <https://hbclouisville.org/2022/03/08/easter-lilies/> or contact Cheryl in the church office at 502-451-3735 or [cheryl@hbclouisville.org](mailto:cheryl@hbclouisville.org).
- **Are you looking for a way to connect or re-connect at Highland? Bible Study classes are a great "next step" to engage with us as the family of God in this place!** Classes for all different ages and life journeys meet Sundays from 10:00-11:00 AM. Information about all of our adult class offerings is available in The Commons, and for more info, contact one of our ministers. We would love to help you get connected with a space to get to know others and to be known within our community of faith!



**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.

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