



New life  
starts  
in the dark.  
Whether it is  
a seed  
in the ground,  
a baby  
in the womb,  
or Jesus  
in the tomb,  
it starts in the dark.  
~ *Barbara Brown Taylor*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Gerald Near

*Prologue on WONDROUS LOVE*

## CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

The Gospel Lesson †

Lauren Jones Mayfield

John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible page 105 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

**Holy One, how easily we slip into a mindset that focuses on limits and scarcity. Forgive us when we forget the benefit of powerful gestures that make moments in time stand out, even when they seem impractical, silly, or even lavish. When our choices don't make logical sense to anyone else or when the path forward is unclear, may the mystery of wondrous Love be our guide. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm

Psalm 126 (Pew Bible page 561 – OT)

Lenten Refrain

LINDNER

text, Brian Wren

*Holy Is the Dark*

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.

Prayer from the Shadows

Sally Evans

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (171) †

WONDROUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Prayer of Praise

Fran White (8:45)  
Vaughn Bell (11:45)

## PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

Solo text, Thomas Troeger  
ABERYSTWYTH

*When the Sky Was Solid Night*  
Cameron Carnes, Baritone

The Hebrew Lesson Mary Alice Birdwhistell  
Isaiah 43:16-21 (Pew Bible page 659 – OT)

Sermon  
*New Life Starts in the Dark*

The Celebration of Holy Communion Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Invitation to the Table  
Exchange of Peace  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Reception of the Bread and Cup  
Communion Anthem

Peter Aston

*Eternal Grace*

*Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten free.*

## RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (466) † BEACH SPRING  
*Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

Offertory Prayer Carol Hawkins (8:45)  
Drew Harston (11:15)

News for the Community Sally Evans  
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*

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

## 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.

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

- Since it is JCPS Spring Break week, **we will have no Wednesday evening activities on April 6.**
- **Church-Wide Theology on Tap for Lent**—Need a new TV show to watch? You could check out Netflix's horror drama *Midnight Mass*! **On April 7, the Young Adults Ministry Group will host a Theology on Tap that is open to all adults!** In the spirit of Lent, Mary Alice and Erin will be leading a discussion about *Midnight Mass* and its themes of darkness, religion, and more. We will gather starting at 6 PM with discussion beginning around 6:30 at Gravely Brewing Co. Hope you can join us for some spiritual reflections on popular culture!
- **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, trivia for the adults, cross-necklace making (for all ages) with wooden crosses from Chip Miller, giant Jenga, cornhole, a bounce house, gaga ball, and more! Bring a lawn chair to listen to the sounds of the Friday Church musicians. **We hope you will join us for a fun day to re-connect with the Highland family as we begin Holy Week together.**
- **Women's Mission Groups Joint Meeting**—Scarlette Jasper, CBF Missionary with Together for Hope, speaks on Monday, April 11 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- ***Learning to Walk in the Dark***—Wednesday Night Book Club on April 13 (Sanctuary)
- **Holy Week Services**—**On April 14, we will gather for our Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a simple, moving service of communion, hymns, scripture, and hand washing, and Sally Evans will offer a Lenten reflection. **On April 15, we will meet for the Tenebrae service at 7 PM** in the sanctuary. This Service of Darkness commemorates Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and Scripture. **Join us for both of these beloved Highland traditions as we continue to journey together through the dark.**
- **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 order lilies 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). The deadline is April 10.



## 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 and Frank Bassett**  
CUSTODIANS

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Fred Bogert**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

**Molly Braun**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

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