

Because you live,  
O Christ,  
the garden of the world  
has come to flower;  
the garden  
of your tomb  
is flooded  
with your  
resurrection power.  
The stone has  
rolled away  
and death  
cannot imprison!  
O, sing this  
Easter day  
for Christ has risen!

*~ Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)*



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 17, 2022**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

## CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

The Easter Gospel

Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Steve Brown  
Mark 16:1-7 (Pew Bible page 53 – NT)

Congregational Response

The Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

Processional Hymn (194) †

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Tracy Holladay

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

We praise you, O God, and give thanks on this resurrection day that in Christ,  
you have given us not only a promise, but a presence.

**Not only a hope for the future, but a power for the present.**

**Not only the assurance that we shall live someday,**

**But that Christ is risen today!**

May the paths we walk, the words we speak,  
the Love we embody and the justice we pursue

**bear courageous witness to your resurrection power, O God!**

Because the proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb,  
**but the full hearts of his transformed disciples.**

The crowning evidence that He lives is not a vacant grave  
**but a spirit-filled fellowship.**

Not a rolled-away stone,

**but a carried-away church.**

May we get carried away, O God!

**For we are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Amen.**

The Baptism of Isaiah Cooksey and Taft Mayfield † (11:15) Renee Purtlebaugh and Lauren Jones Mayfield

Call to the Water

Statements of Faith

Baptism in the name of **the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit, One.**

Glory to the Creator †

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**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Choral Response

VRUECHTEN  
arr. Austin Echols

*Because You Live, O Christ*

## WHERE, O DEATH, IS NOW THY STING?

A Reading from Acts

Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible pages 126-127 – NT)

Jim England

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been invited to practice resurrection in this world, and yet we confess that far too often, we do not live as Easter people. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, because we cannot fathom your presence with us, still. When pain and fear are too great, we give into the story of death and despair. Forgive us for our small-mindedness and narrow vision. Oh God, when we keep our heads buried beneath us, remind us to look up! Call us by name, that we may respond with wonder and amazement. Give us faith to believe in a bigger and better story and courage to live as people transformed by resurrection. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Though the journey seems unending, full of mystery, joy and pain,  
Jesus' open arms receive us at the empty tomb on this Easter day.  
**Together, we proclaim that Love's redeeming work is done! Alleluia!**  
There is resilience for the weary, hope for the brokenhearted,  
healing for the wounded, and welcome embrace for the outcast.  
**May we go forward as Easter people, forgiven and free to live and love  
as Christ has done in our midst.**  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Joy comes on the journey when we travel it together,  
following the One who has assured bright hope for tomorrow.**

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (195) †

WESNATE

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

### CHRIST HAS OPENED PARADISE

The Gospel Lesson †

John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible pages 112-113 – NT)

Sally Evans

Anthem

*O Risen Lord*

K. Lee Scott

Sermon

*A Resounding "Yes"!*

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

### SING, YE HEAVENS, AND EARTH REPLY

Hymn of Response (204) †

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS

Offertory Prayer

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)  
Troy Burden (11:15)

Offertory

*Were You There?*

WERE YOU THERE, arr. Craig Phillips

Doxology †

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Alleluia! Amen.

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

*The Trumpet Shall Sound*

G. F. Handel

## 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 Easter bulletin and publications. Please express your gratitude to Tamara for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten and Easter journey. We greatly appreciate the musical leadership of Neil Barton on trumpet in today's Easter services.

Today's Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving is inspired by the Easter sermon, *The Humanity of God*, by Clarence Jordan, 1912-1969.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Cloud of Witnesses**—Join us this Wednesday evening April 20 at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary for our next gathering to hear HBC members share their faith journeys. Bob Cunningham will facilitate our conversation with **Kelsey Kahne, Charlie Suer and Leslie Townsend**.
- Interested in joining HBC or learning more about us? **The Spring Highlights Class will be offered on April 24 from 12:30-2:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Lunch will be provided by the Young Adult Ministry Group. To RSVP, email [erin@hbclouisville.org](mailto:erin@hbclouisville.org) by Friday April 22.
- **Deacon Nomination Process Begins**—Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland. **Our Deacons are not an “administrative board,” but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community of faith in a variety of ways.** The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 9 people to serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. More information can be found in the newsletter. For those who do not have computer access, please call the church office to make your nominations (502-451-3735). Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. **The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 1.**
- **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!
- **Collection for Needed Supplies in Ukraine**—Starting Sunday, April 24, Highland Youth will be collecting *bandaids, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen* for SOS Health & Hope, a global health non profit in Louisville that improves global health through recovery and redistribution of surplus medical supplies. The supplies collected at Highland will be delivered by the youth when they volunteer at SOS on May 14. On that day, they will help pack important supplies to be shipped directly to those in need in Ukraine! **Donations will be collected in the Commons.**



## 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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