



Upper Room

*~ Mykul Anjelo*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 24, 2022**

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

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Handbell Prelude

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

*Shall We Gather at the River*

## ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS, HIS THE SCEPTRE, HIS THE THRONE

Call to Worship – from Psalm 150

Greg Aguilon (8:45)  
Angela Dennison (11:15)

Praise be to God! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!  
**We praise you, O God, for your mighty deeds;  
we praise you according to your surpassing greatness!**  
Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!  
**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!**  
Praise God with clanging cymbals, praise God with loud clashing cymbals!  
**Let everything that breathes praise the name of God! Praise be to God!**

Processional Hymn (217) †

HYMN TO JOY

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Prayer of Praise

Greg Aguilon (8:45)  
Angela Dennison (11:15)

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.**

## ALLELUIA! HERE THE SINFUL REST IN YOU FROM DAY TO DAY

A Reading from Acts

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Acts 5:17-32 (Pew Bible page 120 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

**Holy One, you call us to truth that sets us free, yet we gather in fear behind closed hearts and minds. We fear your call to forgive. We fear the humility required to prioritize relationships over right arguments. We fear your extravagant love. We seek forgiveness so we might feel good about ourselves but not so much that we would dare loving extravagantly. Open us to that divine love that calls us to refuse revenge; a love that requires us to seek understanding. Move us beyond our comfortable knowledge of ourselves to include that uncomfortable knowledge of ourselves. Help us pause and see the sacred in others. May your Spirit break into our fearful places and empower us to that difficult work of loving those who have hurt us. We tremble at the power you give us to forgive. Help us forgive ourselves and others. Help us do so boldly. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – from Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and is to come.  
**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins,  
and made us to be a kin-dom, to God be glory and dominion forever.**  
Look! Jesus is coming on the clouds; every eye will see him.  
**“I am the Alpha and Omega,” says the Lord God,  
who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

The Exchange of Peace

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

Hymn †

HERON STREET  
arr. K. Lee Scott

*Christ, Rising Again*

The congregation is invited to sing upon direction.

*Refrain*

Christ ris - ing a - gain dies no - more, death has no strength, no pow - er o - ver  
him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.  
Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died. In  
*Repeat Refrain*  
Christ let all the earth re - joice, Our Lord, once cru - ci - fied.

**ALLELUIA! BREAD OF HEAVEN, CHRIST ON EARTH OUR FOOD AND STAY**

The Gospel Lesson †

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible page 113 – NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Sermon

*Easter People . . . Holding Space for Healing Touch*

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**ALLELUIA! HIS THE TRIUMPH, HIS THE VICTORY ALONE**

Hymn of Response (634) †

*We Walk by Faith*

FAITH'S JOURNEY

Mission Moment

Elizabeth Gribbins

Offertory Prayer

Perry Ledford (8:45)  
Phil Collier (11:15)

Handbell Offertory

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Sandra Eithun

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhisell

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 †

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

**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

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Postlude

*Six Occasional Preludes, Op. 182, No. 3 - At Easter-tide*

Charles Villiers Stanford

## Today in Worship

Phrases from our processional hymn, *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

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.

Today's flowers in the sanctuary are to the glory of God and in memory of Mae Burden (6/21/40-4/14/13) by W.D. Burden, Troy Burden, and Chris Burden Mayo.

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

- Interested in joining HBC or learning more about us? **The Spring Highlights Class will be offered today from 12:30-2:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Lunch will be provided by the Young Adult Ministry Group.
- **Deacon Nomination Process Continues**—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. The online nomination form 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 today, 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.

**Jerre and Frank Bassett**  
CUSTODIANS

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

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**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
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