

We are
an Easter
people and
Alleluia
is our song.

~ *St. Augustine of Hippo*
(354-430)



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

arr. Donald Busarow

GROSSER GOTT

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Call to Worship – Revelation 5:11-14

Walter McWhorter (8:45)
Roy Fuller (11:15)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen.”

Hymn of Praise (9) †

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Prayer of Praise

Walter McWhorter (8:45)

Roy Fuller (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

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.

Anthem

PICARDY, arr. Fedak

Christus Paradox

WE PRAISE THE MYSTERY

A Reading from Acts

Jim England

Acts 9:1-6 (Pew Bible page 124 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

As we move through each day, I wonder how many moments reveal that our minds are made up and opinions have been carved into stone? I wonder what flash of light and unidentified voice might call out our name? I wonder how often our certainty places us at odds with God's infinite love and grace? Forgive our cemented thoughts and ways of being. Infuse in us a sacred flexibility, that we may recognize and draw close to you in all times and in all places. Amen.

Words of Assurance – from Psalm 30

Sing praises to the Lord, God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a life-time.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Hymn (196) †

ALLELUIA, NO. 1

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PROPHETS SWELL THE GLAD REFRAIN

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

John 21:1-14 (Pew Bible pages 113-114 – NT)

Sermon

Easter People . . . Surprised by Ridiculous Grace

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Jim England

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

Harold Friedell

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

All bread served is gluten free.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.

**AND FROM MORN TO SET OF SUN,
THROUGH THE CHURCH THE SONG GOES ON**

Hymn of Response †

EVENTIDE
text, Nigel Weaver

The Risen Christ

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears, enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

**May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Offertory Prayer

Bill Campbell (8:45)
Kim Shippey (11:15)

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 †

TALLIS' CANON

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

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Matthew H. Corl

Toccata on GROSSER GOTT

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Following worship, deacons will be at each exit to collect contributions to the church's Fellowship Fund, which helps those in need in our community. 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.

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

- **Final Day for Deacon Nominations**—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.** You are invited to nominate up to 9 people to serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. **The online nomination form is 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 today.**
- **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 within our community of faith!
- **Collection for Needed Supplies in Ukraine—Continuing today, Highland Youth are 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.**
- **Wednesday Night Programming for May 4 and 11 at 6:15 PM: Life and Legacy**—From legal and financial advice to reflecting on how you want to be remembered at your memorial service, the Life and Legacy class will allow you to do some important reflection. Meeting in Fellowship Hall. **Unapologetic Queer Ecclesiology** —For so long, conversations about LGBT+ issues in the church have been centered around the dreaded “clobber passages” and whether or not being gay (or acting on it!) is sinful. What drives the focus on this question? The majority of Christians now say they support LGBT+ people, but what does that mean? And how does that work in our church life? Meeting in the Commons.
- **Upcoming Highland Events**
 - May 14: Jean Janes Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
 - May 15: Children’s Choir Spring Program (Sanctuary, 6:00 PM)
 - May 18: Cloud of Witnesses (last week of Wednesday evening activities until fall)
 - May 22: Celebrating Kathy Collier (AM), Quarterly Church Conference, Zoom (PM)



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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TO FRIDAY CHURCH

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PASTORAL INTERN

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Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Erin Phelps
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Renee Purtlebaugh
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AND THEIR FAMILIES