



He drew a circle
that shut me out —
Heretic, rebel,
a thing to flout.
But Love and I
had the wit to win:
We drew a circle
that took him in!

Outwitted
~ Edwin Markham

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude (8:45)

Flor Peeters

Op. 55, No. 8

Handbell Prelude (11:15)

AVE VIRGO, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY, ON THY PEOPLE POUR THY POWER

Call to Worship – from Psalm 148

Rick Finklea (8:45)
Jim Hawkins (11:15)

Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
shall praise the name of the Lord.**

Young men and women alike, old and young together
shall praise the name of the Lord.

**We shall praise your name, O God,
for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise (285) †

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Praise

Rick Finklea (8:45)
Jim Hawkins (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.

FEARS AND DOUBTS TOO LONG HAVE BOUND US

The Gospel Lesson †

John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible page 106 – NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Anthem

I Give You a New Commandment

Peter Aston

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

O Holy One, we confess that we have placed limits on your command to “Love one another.”

We often fail to embrace those whose “differentness” surprise us. We resist the harder work of loving when we are afraid or when we don’t understand. We confess to loving others so that we are loved. Often, we fall short in loving others because such love would bring deeper relationships that might change us. We confess our need to learn how to love with words that encourage and heal, with actions that include and invite friendship, with kindness that reveals your character and with compassion that embraces all. Fill our hearts to overflowing that all may enjoy your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (295) †

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CROWN THINE ANCIENT CHURCH'S STORY

A Reading from Acts

Acts 11:1-18 (Pew Bible page 127 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Easter People . . . Drawing Wider Circles

GRANT US WISDOM, GRANT US COURAGE, FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

Hymn of Response (242) †

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

MORNING SONG

Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45)
Rose Hawkins (11:15)

Choral Offertory

My Hope Is Built

SOLID ROCK, arr. Tom Trenney

Recognition of Lilly Glover and Erin Phelps, Highland Interns

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Op. 55, No. 7

Flor Peeters

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from our processional hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response. We appreciate the gift of music in today’s 11:15 a.m. service by the Children’s Handbell Choir. The artwork, *Gesture of Grace*, on today’s bulletin cover was purchased with rights for use by the artist, Jan Richardson.

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.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Our next Cloud of Witness gathering is this coming Wednesday, May 18 at 6:15 PM.** Join us as Bob Cunningham facilitates conversation among those sharing significant moments along their faith journeys: **Randy Biery, David Hartley and Nancy Miller.** This is our last Wednesday evening of programming until the fall.
- **Join us for a reception and celebration in honor of Kathy Collier** in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:15 AM service on **Sunday, May 22.**
- Our next **Quarterly Church Conference will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 PM on Zoom.** Look for more information in next week’s newsletter.
- **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!
- **Upcoming Highland Events**
 - May 15: Children’s Choir Spring Program (Sanctuary, 6:00 PM)
 - May 18: Cloud of Witnesses - conversation with Randy Biery, David Hartley and Nancy Miller
 - May 22: Celebrating Kathy Collier (AM), Quarterly Church Conference, Zoom (4:00 PM)
 - June 5: Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition
 - June 10-12: Vacation Bible School Camp
 - June 11: Young Adult Retreat
 - June 12: Pride Sunday
 - June 18: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival
 - June 19-25: Passport Youth Camp
 - June 21-24: PassportKids Camp
 - July 11-14: Discovery Camp/Advocacy Camp, Kindergarten-5th Grade



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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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