

## Today in Worship

Phrases from Highland's hymn, *Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*, written in 1993 to commemorate the church's centennial, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service – praise, confession, proclamation, and response. We appreciate the leadership in worship today from Kathy Collier's 2006 Search Committee: David Swim, Fran White, and Chip Miller.

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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## Saying "Thanks" for Kathy Collier

Today we celebrate the vibrant ministry of Kathy Collier as Minister of Music and Worship here at Highland! Kathy has led with all of her heart, mind and spirit throughout her 15 years in this role, so that much of what we have come to call "Highland" is an embodiment of her talents. She has infused our worship experiences and our lives with a multitude of ways to connect with God by carefully crafting worship services and bringing to life music that evokes and expresses our conversations with the Creator. For all the ways she has embodied Christ's love through her love for worship, our sanctuary choir and instrumentalists, our children, our staff and our entire family of faith, we offer her our deepest gratitude. Today's choral *Blessing* composed by Austin Echols with text by Carol Harston, along with the flowers in worship from the Deacons, are given in her honor. All are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:15 am worship service for a reception and presentation of gifts and gratitude as Kathy begins this new adventure of retirement!

## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Join us for a reception and celebration in honor of Kathy Collier** in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:15 AM service **today**.
- Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** will be held today at 4:00 PM on Zoom.
- **Upcoming Highland Events**
  - 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



The beauty  
of this sacred place  
inspires our hearts  
and minds  
to grow.  
We sing with love,  
bestowed by grace;  
from God  
all richest  
blessings flow.

~ Marilyn Biery

## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Kathy Collier

Prelude

Andrew Moore

*Chorale Prelude on ENGELBERG*

### LOOK, YOU SAINTS, THE CLOUD OF WITNESS GATHERED 'ROUND THIS SACRED PLACE

Call to Worship – from Psalm 67

David Swim (8:45)  
Chip Miller (11:15)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.  
**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.  
**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**  
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.  
**May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.**



## 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

**Don Burke**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

**Austin Echols**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Kathleen Gordon**  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Bill Campbell**  
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MUSIC DIRECTOR  
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

**Kathy Collier**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

**Sally Evans**  
INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

**Walter McWhorter**  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Molly Braun**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Megan Fuller**  
CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Hymn of Praise (630) †

*Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*

EVANGELINE

Prayer of Praise

David Swim (8:45)  
Chip Miller (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.

**SET ASIDE THE SIN THAT STRANGLES, PERSEVERE AND RUN THE RACE**

The Gospel Lesson †

John 14:23-29 (Pew Bible page 107 – NT)

Sally Evans

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, we hear your voice cheering us on in the midst of Your transition from active presence to distance, and yet we can't help but wonder if all will be well. We hear your promise that you will not leave us alone, and yet we struggle to trust that the Spirit will show up. We hear your promise that peace is already ours, and yet we struggle to let go of anxiety and fear. Forgive us for all the moments when it is difficult to practice trusting your guidance. Remind us that great love requires great trust, today and always. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

PROSPECT, Marilyn and James Biery

*The Beauty of This Sacred Place*

*Please stand and sing upon direction*

The\_ beau - ty\_ of this sa - cred place in - spires our\_ hearts and\_

minds to grow. We\_ sing with\_ love, be - stowed by\_ grace; from

God all\_ rich - est bless - ings flow. We\_ sing with\_ love, be -

stowed by\_ grace; from\_ God all\_ rich - est bless - ings flow.

The Exchange of Peace

Renee Purtlebaugh (8:45)  
Carol Harston (11:15)

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

Hymn †

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

*All Voices:*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

*Treble Voices:*

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

*Bass Voices:*

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

*Three-Part Canon*

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

*All Voices:*

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."**

**JESUS CHRIST, THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH**

A Reading from Acts

Acts 16:9-15 (Pew Bible page 133 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*Easter People . . . Expect the Unexpected*

**LET US RUN THE RACE BEFORE US WITH OUR GOD, AS THOSE OF OLD**

Hymn of Response (366) †

*O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

Offertory Prayer

Fran White (8:45)  
Becky Dickson (11:15)

Offertory

*The Peace May Be Exchanged from Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

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.

Blessings for Kathy Collier

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

*Fughetta on Engelberg*  
(When in Our Music God is Glorified)

Richard Proulx