



Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
Send us out in Jesus' name
May we shout and say, "Enough!"
May we build a world of love
Till the sounds of weapons cease
Till our young can grow in peace.

~ Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Harold E. Darke

Andantino

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE, ALLELUIA!

Call to Worship—from Psalm 47

Alan Spade (8:45)

Rob Burke (11:15)

Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!
**Because the Lord Most High evokes awe,
the Holy One is the great creator of the whole world.**
Sing praises to God! Sing praises!
Sing praises to our Sustainer!
Sing praises because the Holy One is great creator of the whole world!
God gathers the nations and rules in love.
Everything belongs to God; God is exalted beyond all.

Hymn of Praise (215) †

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Prayer of Praise

Alan Spade (8:45)
Rob Burke (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—Psalm 47

Alfred V. Fedak

Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands O faithful people! Shout to God a song of praise! From the dust of conquered nations, God a realm of grace shall raise. In appointed courts of glory faithful to God's name always. May we prosper all our days. With a shout and blast of trumpet, God shall mount a throne on high; Let our praise, as finest incense, rise to meet God in the sky. Fill the world with glad rejoicing, heaven shall sing and earth reply. All God's work to glorify. Let your hearts be filled with gladness, as the Lord your life shall bless. Live as heirs of God's great justice, wear the cloak of righteousness. God will grant us earth's dominion. All things good and nothing less. All things good for our gift of faithfulness.

CHRIST, THE LAMB FOR SINNERS GIVEN

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 24:44-53 (Pew Bible page 89– NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Forgive us, Holy One, for the ways we doubt the work of your Spirit. We pray without an expectation that you will act. We are surprised when you do. We think we must do the work of love and justice on our own, and we burn out. We presume that liberation comes from our efforts rather than your grace. Forgive our ignorance, our lack of faith, and our sin. Restore in us the belief that your Spirit may heal our afflictions, save our world, and uplift our hearts with joy. Help us trust anew in this powerful force. Amen.

Words of Assurance – from Ephesians 1

With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know
what is the hope to which God has called you.

**God put this power to work in Christ when God raised Jesus
from the dead and seated him at God's right hand
in the heavenly places,**

And God has put all things under God's feet and has made him
the head over all things for the church,

which is Christ's body, the fullness of Christ who fills all in all.

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (219) †

LLANFAIR

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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

HARK! HIS GRACIOUS LIPS BESTOW

A Reading from Acts

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 115 – NT)

Sermon

Easter People . . . Called to Act

STILL HE CALLS THE WORLD HIS OWN

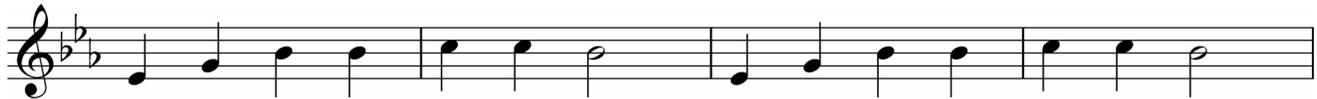
Hymn of Response †

REDHEAD

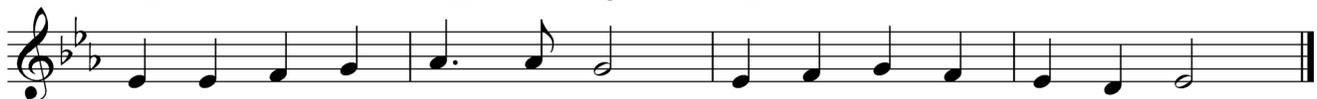
God, Our Nation Feels the Loss



1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the cost
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a - way!"
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus's name.



for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the si - lence we have kept.
May we build a kind - er land where our chil - dren un - der - stand:
May we shout and say, "E - nough!" May we build a world of love



Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren gone; God of love, this can't go on!
Ev - ery child here mat - ters more than the guns we clam - or for.
till the sounds of weap - ons cease, till our young can grow in peace.

Pastoral Prayer

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Offertory

Donald Hunt

Chorale Prelude on DARWALL

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

Austin Echols

Reflections

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from hymn 219, *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*, 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.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **An invitation to give in Kathy's honor**—What a gift it was last Sunday to honor Kathy Collier and to celebrate her 15+ years of ministry at Highland Baptist Church. At the end of our reception, Kay Keegan shared that we will be hosting A Night of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier later this fall or next spring. At this event, the sanctuary choir will premiere an anthem that they are commissioning in honor of Kathy. We hope to bring back other long-time friends and former musicians who have been part of Kathy's tenure at Highland. To that end, we are inviting you to give to the Kathy Collier music fund over the next month to help us host this special event. Thank you for joining us in this meaningful way to say "thank you" to Kathy Collier and to continue the robust legacy of music and worship that she has nurtured within us! **Additionally, we gave Kathy a leather-bound copy of Highland's hymnal**, and we are inviting you to sign your name in the front or on the page of your favorite hymn. **We will have this hymnal available to sign in The Commons over the next two Sundays.**
- **Starting on June 5, we will begin having one Sunday worship service at 11:15 AM throughout the summer.** This means that we will not have the 8:45 service this summer. While our numbers allow it, we feel that worshipping together on Sundays provides an important opportunity for Highland to be together as the family of God in this place. Additionally, as our staff and music/worship leadership re-group after Kathy Collier's retirement, this seems like an appropriate moment for us as a church to inhale - to contract inwardly this summer as we prepare to expand outwardly in a full and healthy way this fall. Our sincere hope is that this shift in our weekly rhythm will yield big results for Highland as we continue to take our next brave steps together.
- **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**
 - 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



**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
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