

PSALM 139:14

I praise you because I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 12, 2022

11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Alice Jordan

Reflection on DOWN AMPNEY

Call to Worship – from Psalm 8

Troy Burden

O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn of Praise (1) †

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Prayer of Praise Neyhart

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.**

The Hebrew Lesson Austin Echols
Proverbs 8:1-4, 23-25, 31 (Pew Bible pages 579-580—OT)

Call to Prayer DOWN AMPNEY
text, Iain D. Cunningham

Spirit of Truth and Grace

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh

In the name of the Holy Parent,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit, She whom we invite into this space:

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, in particular your LGBTQIA+ children for whom the church was too long a harmful place. Turn those of us who have actively participated in the sins of homophobia, transphobia, and fear to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Liberator.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and our LGBTQIA+ siblings and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done to the queer community and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, to the full vision of the Kin-dom of God, and uphold us by your Spirit, She who loves us and encourages us towards liberation, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

Words of Assurance – Romans 5:1-5 Jim England

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson † Lilly Glover
John 16:12-25 (Pew Bible pages 108-109—NT)

Hymn † NETTLETON
text, Mary Louise Bringle

Sing a New World Into Being

**Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.**

Sacred Story Madeline Cox

**Sing a new world into being, where each gender class and race.
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace.
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.**

Sacred Story Greg Aguilon and Perry Ledford

**Sing a new world into being, Join the ancient prophets' cry.
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.**

Sacred Story Andrew Newton

Pastoral Prayer

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Hymn of Response †

David Lohman

For All the Children

O, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen wide. May there be
 room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in-side. For in God there is a
 wel-come, in God we all be-long. May that wel-come be our song.

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Joseph Ashby

Offertory Anthem

Craig Hella Johnson

Meet Me Here from Considering Matthew Shepherd
Emily Stewart, *soprano*

Blessing for PRIDE Participants (based on Proverbs 8)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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 †

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Sally Evans

Postlude

Piet Post

NICAEA

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

Today in Worship

A word about today's anthem from composer Craig Hella Johnson: "This piece comes from a concert-length work I composed called *Considering Matthew Shepard*. As a stand-alone piece, *Meet Me Here* can be sung in a wide variety of contexts. In the context of the larger work, it is a pivotal moment which takes a first step from a difficult story and asks the question 'where do I go from here?' At its core, *Meet Me Here* is a folk style hymn which invites the participants to be open to meeting at a place which may seem difficult or painful and be open to discovering the healing and joy which can be experienced when we lay down the 'ancestral sorrow' we may have been carrying for generations and open ourselves to finding healing together, excluding no one."

Today's prayer of confession is adapted from the *Reconciling in Christ Sunday 2020: Faith & Advocacy* service.

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

- **Following today's service:** join us for a reception to celebrate **Lauren Jones Mayfield's recent graduation** from the Pacific School of Religion with her doctorate of ministry degree. Lauren has attended classes online at PSR over the past three years, and we are grateful for the ways her continued education is forming and transforming her ministry among us at Highland.
- **Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. Drag Revival: A Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy.** In partnership with other congregations and Highlands Community Ministries, Highland will co-host this family-friendly drag event. It is open to the public and will be a beautiful celebration of spiritual renewal, healing from religious trauma, and music. All tips and donations collected will be donated to the Louisville Youth Group.
- **Saturday, June 18 at 12 p.m. Kentuckiana PRIDE Parade:** Join our congregation for the parade march. Stay tuned for more information about where we will gather at the start point in NuLu. The route concludes at Waterfront Park. Plan to wear one of your Highland Baptist t-shirts!
- **Saturday, June 18 at 1:00-9:00 p.m. Kentuckiana PRIDE Festival:** We will host our famous button maker, offer glitter blessings, and share the transforming love of God. **If you can help with any of these events, please sign up in the Commons!**
- **Highland's deacons are planning a night of fun for the Highland family at a Racing Louisville game on Friday, July 8 at 8 PM at Lynn Family Stadium.** Tickets are \$25 each. The church will need to purchase our block of tickets by this Friday, June 17, so we are asking you to sign up with the link from the newsletter so we know how many tickets to purchase. You can pay online, in the offering plate, or bring your money to the church office – just designate it for the Racing Louisville game. Special thanks to Alan Spade for helping to coordinate this special evening. We're looking forward to a great night together!



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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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ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES