

Today in Worship

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.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

- **Next Sunday, July 3, we will share our deep gratitude with Austin Echols for his 15 years of ministry and service as our Organist and Music Associate at Highland.** We encourage you to bring a card for Austin and to stay for a brief reception after worship as we celebrate with him together. Be looking in this week's newsletter for more information on how we will celebrate him together.
- **On Sunday, July 31, Dr. Lewis Brogdon will be preaching in worship at Highland. Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and the Institute for Black Church Studies will also be hosting a church-wide coffee hour during the Bible Study hour at 10:00 AM.** We will not have our regular adult Bible study classes and will gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and connection, as well as a joint-Bible study with Dr. Brogdon. We hope that our faithful Bible study leaders will enjoy a mid-summer break from their teaching! **Our deacons hope to continue this tradition of "bringing the walls down" on the 5th Sunday of the month and gathering our adult classes together for connection and joint conversation.**
- **Highlands Community Ministries invites us to collect \$25 Target gift cards and toiletries for their summer needs and back-to-school drive, focusing on the following items: toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, laundry pods, small dish detergent.** Please bring your items with you to church and place them in the brown bins outside the choir room before July 22. You may give the gift cards to Lauren Jones Mayfield or leave them in her office.
- **Have you ever played a band or orchestra instrument? We're looking for YOU! After a two-year hiatus, Highland's Orchestra is starting up again at the end of July.** And if YOU have ever played a band or orchestra instrument, we want you to join us! We rehearse twice a month on Sunday for an hour, right after worship. Interested? Want to learn more? Contact Bruce Maples at BruceInLouisville@gmail.com. He can give you all the info — and even help you get an instrument if you need one! **There's a place for you in Highland's Orchestra!**



The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

~ Maya Angelou, "Caged Bird"



**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.

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CUSTODIANS

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PASTOR EMERITUS

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AND THEIR FAMILIES

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 26, 2022
11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship John Dickson

Prelude Aaron David Miller
Variation on a Theme of Corelli

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Call to Worship Thomas Tallis
If Ye Love Me

Hymn of Praise (58) † ST. DENIO
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Praise Alan Spade

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.

THY JUSTICE, LIKE MOUNTAINS, HIGH SOARING ABOVE

The Gospel Lesson † Lauren Jones Mayfield
Luke 9:51-62 (Pew Bible page 69 – NT)

Prayer of Confession Jim England
O Holy One, you meet us in our places of alienation; those places where prejudice and suspicion have marked people as outside your goodness. There you announce your sacred purpose. Forgive us for listening to those voices that diminish us. We confess that your sacred purpose scares us because we have to give up our comfortable places of safety. Forgive us for staying stuck instead of joining you in your journey of saving love.

We confess our temptation to belittle and brand those who do not join us. We confess our failure To understand the fears of others. We find it easier to label and dismiss instead of listening and Discovering our siblings. We confess we often prefer the ease of judging over the hard work Of loving others. We confess we often make excuses when loving proves more difficult than we Imagined. Forgive us so that we may leave alienation, fear, judgment and excuses behind and Follow you in the way of love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (440) † GIFT OF LOVE
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

THY CLOUDS, WHICH ARE FOUNTAINS OF GOODNESS AND LOVE

The Epistle Lesson Mary Alice Birdwhistell
Galatians 5:1-14 (Pew Bible page 186 – NT)

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

Sermon

Raise a Glass to Freedom

Choral Anthem Moses Hogan
I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart

O HELP US TO SEE, 'TIS ONLY THE SPLENDOR OF LIGHT HIDETH THEE

Hymn of Response † ELLACOMBE
For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free

**"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."**

**We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.**

**Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.**

Offertory Prayer Diane Brewer

Offertory Barbara Harbach
Chorale Prelude on O WALY WALY

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 † 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 Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections

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