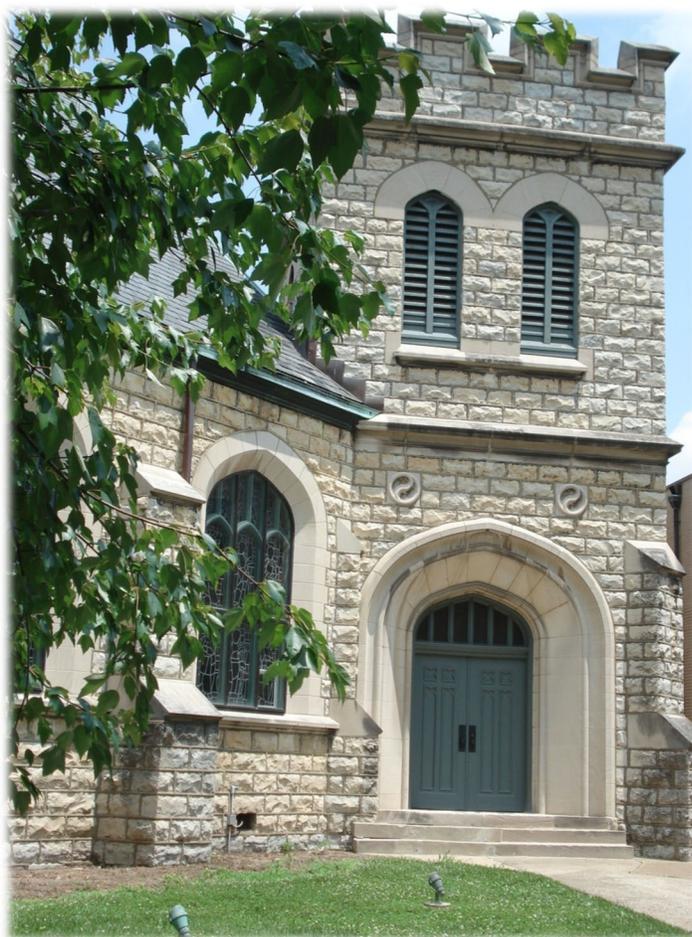


Mary
has
chosen.

Luke 10:42



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 17, 2022
11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Henry Heron

Voluntary in G

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING, WE WORSHIP YOU TODAY

Call to Worship—from Colossians 1

Jim Shelton

We proclaim the good news of Christ;
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
All things have been created through him and for him.
Christ himself is before all things; and in him all things hold together.
Christ is the head of the body, the church.
Through Christ, God reconciles everything by making peace.

Hymn of Praise (366) †

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O God Beyond All Praising

Prayer of Praise

Jim Shelton

Glory to the Creator †

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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.

AND SING THE LOVE AMAZING THAT SONGS CANNOT REPAY

A Reading from Psalm 84

Sally Evans

(Pew Bible pages 531-532 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, You are the living God walking alongside us on life's journey, and yet we often move through our days as if we are on our own. You invite us to trust in your provision and strength, and yet we turn to our own strength instead. Forgive us our tendency to wander rather than wonder at Your steadfast love and sustaining presence. May we find new joy as we place our trust in You once again. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn †

MORNING SONG

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

**If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,
and in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,
then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear. →**

If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea
and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee,
then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known.
Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,
and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone!

FOR WE CAN ONLY WONDER AT EVERY GIFT YOU SEND

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible page 70 – NT)

Anthem R. Vaughn Williams
O How Amiable

Sermon Jim England
Free Agency

BLESSINGS WITHOUT NUMBER AND MERCIES WITHOUT END

Hymn of Response (631) † DONNA
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Deacon Faith Story Chet Watson

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Gilbert Martin
Morning Song

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield
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 Jim England

Postlude Charles Callahan
Partita on St. Anne

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

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, *O God Beyond All Praising*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We welcome Bruce Maples as our music and worship leader today. Bruce is conductor of our Highland orchestra. Bruce and Nina, who served on our staff as Associate Pastor, are long time members of Highland.

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

- **Over the coming weeks you will be hearing from our 11 new deacon candidates who have accepted nominations to serve as deacons at Highland this year.** They will be sharing their faith stories with us in worship each week, and you can read a brief bio about two of them each week in the newsletter.

The entire group of deacon candidates is: **Kathy Belcher, Amber Burke, Greg Clark, Phil Collier, Robert Davis, Roz Heinz, Robin Ramsay Lee, Karen Park, Tory Parker, Chet Watson and Zach Watson.** Additionally, our deacons wholeheartedly recommend to you **Jim Hawkins and Nancy Goodhue to serve as honor deacons at Highland.** We will vote on Jim and Nancy in the August QCC. We will vote on the eleven deacon candidates in worship over the weekend of August 5-7.

- **Civil Rights Pilgrimage Update**—There is still time to join in if you have not already done so. We plan to make hotel reservations soon, so please contact Vicki Runnion or Lauren Jones Mayfield ASAP if you would like to go. There is no obligation until we give you the cost details. For those who have signed up, **please watch your email for messages from Vicki (vicrun55@gmail.com).** Email or call Vicki (502-396-3325) to discuss any concerns or questions.
- **Highland 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.
- **Staff Search Processes**—Our search processes are underway this summer as we look for an **Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults and a Minister of Music and Worship** at Highland. Please help us share the word about these opportunities to join us in the work of Love at Highland, and be in prayer for our two search committees in their important work!



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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Molly Braun
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Bill Campbell
DEACON CHAIR

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

John Dickson
INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Jim England
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Sally Evans
INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathleen Gordon
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG
ADULTS AND MISSION

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Erin Phelps
INTERIM MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sharon Sanders
INTERIM ORGANIST AND
MUSIC ASSOCIATE