



... and  
God saw  
that it  
was good.

~ from Genesis 1

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 31, 2022**  
**11:15 A.M.**

## HOW GREAT OUR GOD'S MAJESTIC NAME

Call to Worship

Bob Cunningham

God, our Creator, Artist of extravagant beauty, song and silence,  
**we, your children, were created to celebrate You  
and to praise you forever.**

God, our Redeemer, Fountain of forgiveness and grace,  
**we, your children, were created to celebrate You  
and to praise you forever.**

God, our Revealer, Author of wisdom and truth  
**we, your children, were created to celebrate You  
and to praise you forever.**

**In You, O God, we find our Ground of Being!**

Hymn of Praise (22) †

DUKE STREET

*How Great Our God's Majestic Name*

Prayer of Praise

Bob Cunningham

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.**

## GOD'S GLORY FILLS THE EARTH AND SKY

A Reading from the Psalms

John Dickson

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (Pew Bible pages 548-549 —OT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**Holy One,  
We confess our attention wanders away from wisdom and love.  
For the ways we abandon your call to steward creation and privilege with equity, **forgive us.**  
For the ways we doubt our goodness, **forgive us.**  
For the ways we neglect our goodness, **forgive us.**  
For the ways we prioritize oppression and power with excuses and comfort, **forgive us.**  
For our striving that leads us away from wisdom and love, away from your steadfastness, **forgive us.**  
In your mercy, **set us free to love wisely, to seek goodness justly, and to resist tyranny with hope.**  
**Amen.****

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (26) †

SLANE

*God of Creation, All-Powerful*

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

## AND WHAT OF US? CREATION'S CROWN

The Hebrew Lesson Lewis Brogdon  
Genesis 1:3-10, 14-18, 24-27, 31 (Pew Bible pages 1-2—OT)

Song of Praise arr. Leonard Bernstein  
Simple Song from *Mass*  
Cameron Carnes, *baritone*

Sermon Lewis Brogdon  
*Yeah, That's Good: The Importance of Celebrating Good Things*

## UPHELD IN GOD'S ETERNAL MIND

Hymn of Response † AUSTRIAN HYMN  
*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Deacon Faith Story Kathy Belcher

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Dominico Scarlatti  
*Sonata in F minor K. 466*

News for the Community

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 Lewis Brogdon

Postlude Wilbur Held  
*Postlude on "Duke Street"*

† *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, *How Great Our God's Majestic Name*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We welcome Dr. Lewis Brogdon as our proclaimer today. Dr. Brogdon serves as the Research Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies and Director of the Institute for Black Church Studies at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He has developed academic courses on the study of Martin Luther King, Jr.; he is a special guest on Black Politics Today, and he presents workshops at major conferences around the world.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Over the coming weeks you will continue 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 the eleven deacon candidates in worship over the weekend of August 5-7.
- **Quarterly Church Conference on August 3:** We will gather on Zoom at 7:00 pm to hear membership and finance reports, vote on an updated job description for Rev. Dr. Lauren Jones Mayfield, and vote on the recommendation from Deacons to elect Jim Hawkins and Nancy Goodhue as honor deacons. We will also hear updates from the search committees currently at work to find our next Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults and our next Minister of Music and Worship, Ministry Council as it relates to the Reparations Task Force's work, as well as our "Sacred Space for Everyone" Capital Campaign Steering Committee. **There is much happening in the life of Highland, and we hope you will be part of the work of the church by logging on to participate—the Zoom link will be sent by email!**
- On **August 21** we will have a **Gather 'Round celebration to kick off our fall activities** and celebrate the end of a wonderful summer at Highland. Join us after the 11:15 service for lunch on the lawn and fellowship together as a church!
- **Upcoming events at Highland:**
  - August 3      Quarterly Church Conference meeting on Zoom at 7:00 p.m..
  - August 21     Gather 'Round Sunday
  - August 24     Wednesday night meals and activities return
  - August 28     Deacon Ordination Service



## 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