



Fierce and gleaming
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drawing us
to shores unknown;
Lead us on
with hope and courage
till Your harbor
is our home.

~ Grady Nutt and
Paul Duke

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 2022
11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

Theodore Dubois

Cantique

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD THAT MADE THE MOUNTAINS RISE

Call to Worship—from Hebrews 12:1

Patty Nichols

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**And let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.**

Mindful of the gifts we receive
and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,

Let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise (19) †

FOREST GREEN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Prayer of Praise

Patty Nichols

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.**

I SING THE WISDOM THAT ORDAINED THE SUN TO RULE THE DAY

Deacon Faith Story

Robin Lee

Song of Confession

Charles Gounod

O Divine Redeemer
Ashley Cissel, *soprano*

A Reading from Psalm 80—from *Psalms for Praying*

John Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Gentle Teacher, when the story we tell ourselves allows fear and doubt to lead the way,
forgive us, and write a new narrative within us.

When pessimism and anxiety take hold in our being,
forgive us, and envelop us with peace and the ability to look forward.

Shepherd us on our journeys,
guiding us toward your promises of nourishment, strength and hope.

Restore us, O Holy One;
let your face shine upon us and teach us to love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**GOD FORMED THE CREATURES WITH THE WORD
AND THEN PRONOUNCED THEM GOOD**

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:23-35 (Pew Bible page 221—NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Cloud of Witnesses: Challenged by a Faith that Sees the Invisible

AND EVERYWHERE THAT WE CAN BE, THOU, GOD, ART PRESENT THERE

Hymn of Response †

HYFRYDOL

We, O God, Unite Our Voices

We, O God, unite our voices, raise in thankful harmony.
You, unchanging, safe have brought us through the ever-changing sea.
Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Your grace.
Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above Your shining face.

Seeing then the task before us, bind our hearts and hands as one.
May our labor be in union, our resolve and Yours be one.
With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far.
In the midst of tempest peril be Your cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.
Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is Your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown;
Lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Jon Sanders

Offertory

Cesar Franck

Offertoire

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.**

Blessing for the School Year and Benediction

Renee Purtlebaugh

**Sound the trumpets! We will journey swift of foot and brave of soul.
Let us run the race before us with our God, as those of old!**

Postlude

Ron Boud

Postlude on Forest Green

† *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, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 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

- 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. **This is a fabulous opportunity to reconnect with Highland Baptist Church!** HBC will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie options. But we will need the whole church's help to make our cookout a success! We are asking that people bring a contribution to share based on their last names.

Last Names A-H: Please bring chips, dips, and similar snack foods

Last Names I-Q: Please bring a cookout side dish (veggies, fruit, pasta salad, etc.)

Last Names R-Z: Please bring canned or bottled drinks to share (fizzy water, lemonade, sodas, etc.)

All contributions can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall Kitchen as you arrive at church on the 21st. **Is grilling one of your spiritual gifts?** Are you interested in helping with Gather Round set-up or tear-down? Sign up to volunteer by emailing Erin - erin@hbclouisville.org to learn more about how you can help.

- **Children and Youth:** On Gather Round Sunday, August 21, our children and youth will make the move to their new Bible Study classes at 10 am. **We'll honor our rising kindergarten children by welcoming them into worship that day and recognize our new 6th graders entering the youth group.**
- **We will resume Wednesday night activities on August 24, including Wednesday night meals!** Meals will begin at 5:20 PM, and reservations can be made until Noon each Monday before that week's meal. Our caterer is Garden Girl Foods, a Black-owned business that specializes in locally-grown ingredients and delicious meals. **To sign-up and/or volunteer, see this week's newsletter.** Additionally, we will kick off children's choirs and youth activities at 6:00 PM. Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a new series of Cloud of Witnesses faith stories at 6:15 PM.



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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