



From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days!

*~ Harry Emerson Fosdick*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 21, 2022**  
**11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

John Dickson

Prelude

J. S. Bach

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*  
*(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)*

## GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY ON THY PEOPLE POUR THY POWER

Call to Worship

Becky Hines

Calling all children of the Living God:  
The Gospel is good news for every age and every stage of life.  
**Let us worship together, every generation!**

We come together with different abilities and disabilities,  
Learning in a rainbow of styles and ways.  
**Let us worship together in diversity that reflects the image of God.**

All are welcome in the arms of Christ, who proclaimed,  
“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them!”  
**Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

Hymn of Praise (285) †

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Introduction of Kindergarteners and Sixth Graders

Renee Purtlebaugh and Sally Evans

Prayer of Praise

Becky Hines

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.**

## CROWN THINE ANCIENT CHURCH'S STORY, BRING HER BUD TO GLORIOUS FLOWER

Deacon Faith Story

Tory Parker

The Gospel Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Luke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible pages 74-75—NT)

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

Sometimes our rules overrule Your compassion. Our tight schedules leave little time for humanity.  
(Silence)  
**Lord, forgive us.**

Sometimes we don't see the cruelty of our words as they cripple someone's spirit.  
(Silence)  
**Lord, forgive us.**

Sometimes our careful plans are interrupted and we see our own inconvenience before we see the person or hear their cry. (Silence)  
**Lord, forgive us. Let our worship spill over to kind words and loving deeds. Let our confessions lead to healing and liberation and hope. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Jim England

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (635) † SOJOURNER

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

## GRANT US WISDOM, GRANT US COURAGE

The Epistle Lesson † Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Hebrews 12:1-2 (Pew Bible page 221—NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship.*

Sermon

*Cloud of Witnesses: Accompanied by a Faith that Takes Brave Steps*

## FOR THE FACING OF THIS HOUR

Hymn of Response (630) † EVANGELINE

*Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer Michelle Vaughn

Offertory Mack Wilberg

*Bound For the Promised Land*

News for the Community Sally Evans

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 † TALLIS' CANON

**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

**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 Wayne Wold

*Processional and Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA*

† *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, *God of Grace and God of Glory*, 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

- **Following our service, we'll Gather Round together from 12:30-2:00—we hope you will join us!** If you brought anything to share in your own dish, please remember to take it home with you.
- **We are excited to resume Wednesday night activities this week! Dinner 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, check your newsletter or use the QR code we've included here. Additionally, **we will kick off children's choirs and youth activities at 6:00 PM. Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a Cloud of Witness evening at 6:15. Facilitated by Bob Cunningham, we will hear faith stories from Becky Dickson, Beth Metcalf, and Chris Webb.**
- **Deacon Ordination Service: on Sunday evening, August 28 at 6:00 PM, Highland will ordain five new deacons to active ministry:** Amber Burke, Rosalind Heinz, Robin Ramsay Lee, Tory Parker and Zach Watson. **We will also install five returning deacons to active ministry:** Kathy Belcher, Greg Clark, Phil Collier, Robert Davis, Karen Park and Chet Watson. **Together we will commission a total of 30 deacons to serve Highland in the coming year.** Infant through preschool childcare will be available.
- **Not Your Ordinary Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke and a World Beyond Our Imagining** —Join Chip Miller and Mary Alice in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, **starting August 31, as we take a closer look together at some of this fall's lectionary passages from the Gospel of Luke.** This class is for young adults AND seniors adults, both the seasoned Bible reader, the Bible skeptic, and those who need to dust their Bible off from the closet. Join us as we learn to look for the unexpected in this radically inclusive Gospel! We will meet for 5 weeks, from August 31 through September 28. **This Bible study will be streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.**



**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

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