



There are a few words  
I whisper to myself  
when I feel wobbly  
and worried:

‘Strong back,  
soft front,  
wild heart.’

These words breathe  
something into me  
that make me  
kind of straighten up  
and take a deep breath  
and keep doing  
the next right thing.

*~ Brené Brown*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

C. Saint-Saens

*Prelude*

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Call to Worship

Missy Smith (8:45)  
Anita Roper (11:15)

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness."  
**As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God,  
as mortals charged with holy purpose,  
let us worship the One who summons us to life.**

Hymn of Praise (339) †

CORONATION

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Prayer of Praise

Missy Smith (8:45)  
Anita Roper (11:15)

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.**

## TO HIM ALL MAJESTY ASCRIBE AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

A Reading from Psalms

Jim England

Psalms 139:1-12 from *Psalms for Praying*

Prayer of Confession

Search us, oh God, and know our thoughts.

**We confess that there is so much within us and all around us that tries to pull us away from you.  
In this moment, help us to name it and to release it.**

(Silence)

Search us, oh God, and know our thoughts.

**Help us to face the darkness within us; enlighten us, that we might radiate your Love and Light.  
Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance

arr. Mary McDonald

*I Must Tell Jesus/Blessed Assurance*

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

# YE CHOSEN SEED OF ISRAEL'S RACE, YE RANSOMED FROM THE FALL

The Hebrew Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (Pew Bible page 706 – OT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*Strong Back. Soft Front. Wild Heart.*

## HAIL HIM WHO SAVES YOU BY HIS GRACE

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Invitation to the Table  
Exchange of Peace  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Reception of the Bread and Cup

Hymn of Response (486) †

RESTORATION

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

Mission Moment

Roy Fuller

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 †

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

Postlude

Bernhard Schmid

*Galliard*

† *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, *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, 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

- **Our Wednesday night activities continue this week! Dinner begins at 5:20 PM**, and reservations can be made until Noon each Monday. This week's menu is baked ziti, apples, corn, green beans, garden salad, and garlic bread. 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 on the right. **Children's choirs and youth activities begin at 6:00 PM. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 PM for Bible study** with Chip Miller and Mary Alice Birdwhistell (more information below).
- **Not Your Ordinary Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke and a World Beyond Our Imagining** — Join Chip and Mary Alice on Wednesday nights, **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 through seniors adults, for the seasoned Bible reader, the Bible skeptic, and those who need to dust off their Bible. Join us as we learn to look for the unexpected in this radically inclusive Gospel! We will meet each Wednesday through September 21. **This Bible study will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.**
- **We will be facilitating weekly small groups to engage with Robert Jones' book *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* from September 18 through October 9.** To learn more about signing up for small groups, please see details in the newsletter or email [erin@hbclouisville.org](mailto:erin@hbclouisville.org).
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - September 18 Renee Purtlebaugh's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; *White Too Long* Small Groups Begin (weekly at various times through October 9)
  - September 25 Highlights lunch for visitors and new members after worship
  - September 28 No Wednesday evening activities (JCPS Fall Break)
  - October 2 Capital Campaign Kick-Off
  - October 15-16 Robert Jones visit to Highland



### 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

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