

“Is there no balm in
... Louisville?
... Eastern Kentucky?

... Ukraine?

... Afghanistan?

... Uvalde, Texas?

Is there no physician there?”

~ adapted from Jeremiah 8:22



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

F. Mendelssohn

Andante Religioso

FILL THE EARTH WITH MUSIC, SOUND ALOUD GOD'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)
Marilyn Tucker (11:15)

Rise up, all you nations!
We serve the Lord with gladness.
Rise up, all you nations!
We shout love from the rooftops.
Rise up, all you nations!
We bear witness, for Jesus will save us.

Hymn of Praise (417) †

WYE VALLEY

Fill the Earth with Music

Prayer of Praise

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)
Marilyn Tucker (11:15)

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.

GIVE TO ALL YOUR WITNESS: "JESUS CHRIST WILL SAVE"

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 16:10-13 (Pew Bible page 78—NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

We confess to you, O God, our love of money.
We hoard resources instead of demanding equity.
We lead from scarcity instead of valuing abundance.
We practice frugality instead of giving generously.
We serve both Capitalism and You. Forgive us. *Silence is kept.*

Give us wisdom, God.
Inspire our minds to shout thanks and praise.
Open our eyes to see opportunities for financial repair.
Reckon our hearts that we may summon the courage to serve only You. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Fear not, Church! God forgives our trespasses.
Every day we are being made new. God's goodness never ends.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Exchange of Peace

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

Anthem

Cherwein

If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Stephanie Hall, flute and Nick Rowan, tenor

RAISE THE CROSS OF JESUS, LIFT IT HIGH ABOVE

The Hebrew Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (Pew Bible page 696—OT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Hymn (74) †

BALM IN GILEAD

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Emily Stewart, solo on verses

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Living Between Question Marks and Exclamation Points

THAT THE WORLD MAY FIND THERE CHRIST, THE LORD OF LOVE

Hymn of Response (698) †

CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

Offertory Prayer

Buddy Lee (8:45)
David Tucker (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Martin

Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead"

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Piet Post

Old Hundredth

† *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, *Fill the Earth with Music*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We thank Emily Stewart for her musical leadership in today's services, along with Stephanie Hall, flautist and Nick Rowan, tenor soloist.

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

- **Today, we celebrate Renee Purtlebaugh's 15-Year anniversary with us at Highland!** Renee started as our Minister to Children in 2007. Since then, her ministry with us has expanded to include ministry to families and to senior adults, caring for people across the generations of life. She has also helped to nurture the work of our continuing care deacons, the Finance Ministry Group, and the Faithful Giving Ministry Group. Truly, Renee is an anchor within our church family, and her pastoral presence, sense of curiosity and wonder, and thoughtful, gentle spirit are gifts to both young and old and everyone in-between. We thank God for you, Renee, and we celebrate you!
- **Highlights Lunch and Class, September 25, 12:30-3:30 PM.** This class offers a unique way for folks who are new to our church to connect with members and ministers and learn more about Highland. Please RSVP to Lauren Jones Mayfield at laurenjm@hbclouisville.org as soon as possible.
- **Highland's Global Partnerships Team will sponsor Kim Fritschi to travel to Morocco next month.** Kim will take with her ibuprofen, acetaminophen, gardening gloves, and toiletries. We are collecting these items in the brown bins outside the choir room. Please give generously as you are able. These supplies will go directly to migrants and refugees.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - September 18 *White Too Long* Small Groups Begin (weekly at various times through October 9)
 - September 21 Intergenerational Bible Study (6:15 PM)
 - September 25 Highlights lunch/class for visitors and new members (12:30-3:30 PM)
 - September 28 No Wednesday evening activities (JCPS Fall Break)
 - October 2 *Sacred Space for Everyone*: Capital Campaign Kick-Off
 - October 5 Cloud of Witness (6:15 PM)
 - October 12 *Sacred Space for Everyone*: Presentation and Conversation with Steering Committee (6:15 PM)
 - October 15-16 Robert Jones, author of *White Too Long*, visits Highland
 - October 23 *Sacred Space for Everyone* and Annual Ministry Fund Commitment Sunday
 - October 30 *Sacred Space for Everyone* Celebration Sunday and Fall Festival on the Lawn
 - November 6 Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom (5:00 PM)
 - November 20 An Evensong Service of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier



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

Troy Burden
DEACON CHAIR

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

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 FOR CARE
AND JUSTICE

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