



The slave auctioneer's bell and
the church-going bell chime in
with each other,
and the bitter cries
of the heart-broken slave
are drowned
in the religious shouts
of his pious master.

~ Frederick Douglass

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

John Travers

Voluntary

GOD IS HERE! AS WE YOUR PEOPLE MEET TO OFFER PRAISE AND PRAYER

Call to Worship

Marilyn Whisler (8:45)
Abbi Evans (11:15)

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.
I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue and honor them.
With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise (298) †

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

Prayer of Praise

Marilyn Whisler (8:45)
Abbi Evans (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.**

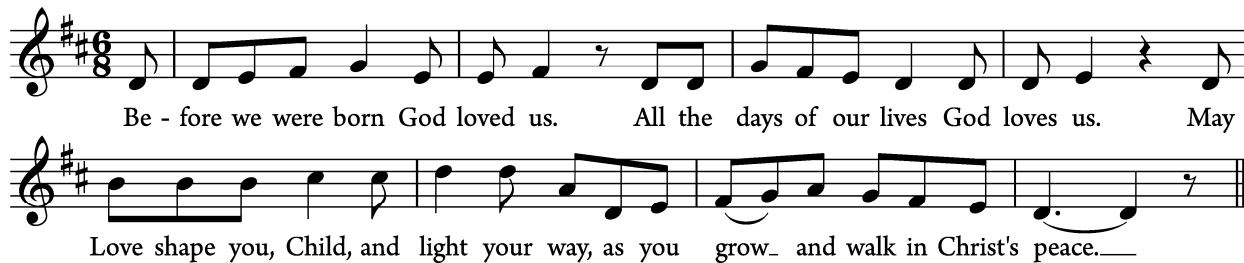
**HERE OUR CHILDREN FIND A WELCOME
IN THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK AND FOLD**

The Dedication of Annie Howell and Clark Alan Boldt (8:45) and Oak Alexander Morrell (11:15)

Words of Commitment

Presentation

Prayer of Dedication



Be - fore we were born God loved us. All the days of our lives God loves us. May
Love shape you, Child, and light your way, as you grow_ and walk in Christ's peace.---

Song of Dedication

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love

O love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

A Reading from Psalm 91:1-6 from *Psalms for Praying*

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prayer of Confession

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

**O Love, that will not let us go, forgive us for the times when we let go of you. We confess now the
ways that our fear, anxiety, busyness, complacency, and the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life pull
us away from the grounding goodness of your Love. *Silence***

Words of Assurance—Psalm 91:14-16 from *Psalms for Praying*

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

The Exchange of Peace

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

Hymn †

STUTT GART

Not the Powerful, Not the Privileged

John L. Bell



1. Not the pow'r - ful, not the priv'-leged, not the fa - mous in the land,
2. Not a well - es - tab - lished fam - ily with an heir - loom christ-'ning shawl,
3. Not at first to lit - tle child - ren, not to those whose faith burned bright,
4. God de - ter - mined to be dif - frent from the stan - dards we think best,



but the no - ones and the need - y were the first to hold God's hand.
but a home - less, wan - d'ring cou - ple par - ent - ed the Lord of all.
but to grown - ups stalled in dark - ness an - gels brought God's love and light.
in God's choice of friends and fam - ily lets for - got - ten folk be blessed.

**HERE IN SILENCE, AS IN SPEECH, HERE, IN NEWNESS AND RENEWAL,
GOD THE SPIRIT COMES TO EACH**

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 16:19-31 (Pew Bible page 78—NT)

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

The Perils of Privilege

HERE IN THIS DAY'S DEDICATION, ALL WE HAVE TO GIVE, RECEIVE

Hymn of Response (290) †

O WALY, WALY

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Offertory Prayer

Diane Endicott (8:45)

Bill Ockerman (11:15)

Offertory

Barbara Harbach

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News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

David Lasky

Trumpet Processional

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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 Is Here!*, 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

- **Next week marks the beginning of Highland's capital campaign, *Sacred Space for Everyone*, to raise funds for major capital improvements and to fully fund the ministries of Highland Baptist Church for the coming year.** Our hope is that everyone who calls Highland "home" will make pledges to both portions of this year's campaign. Watch for more information about the campaign in the coming weeks and join us by prayerfully considering how you can contribute. Together, we can ensure that Highland is a *Sacred Space for Everyone* by investing in both our physical spaces and our ongoing ministries!
- **Mark your calendars! Robert P. Jones, the author of *White Too Long* and *The End of White Christian America* will be visiting Highland on October 15 and 16.** On Saturday October 15 from 9:30 AM to Noon we will have a mini-lecture, panel, and Q & A session with Robert Jones. This will be an excellent way to learn more about his work of seeking racial justice and repair in American Christianity by confronting our own history of white supremacy. We hope to have a large, engaged group joining us that morning to reflect on Jones's work and its applications within our own community. Please email erin@hbclouisville.org by Wednesday, October 12 to RSVP for the October 15 program.
- **The Congregational Engagement Ministry Group is now receiving recommendations for church members to serve on our various ministry groups for the coming year.** Please see the newsletter for a link to the recommendation form.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - 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) with Kim Clark-Endicott, Rosalind Heinz and Loren Townsend
 - 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 (6:00 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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
CUSTODIANS

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Sally Evans
INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

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