



We seldom notice how each day is a holy place where the eucharist of the ordinary happens, transforming our broken fragments into an eternal continuity that keeps us.

~ John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2022**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

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Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

J. G. Walther

*Jesu, Meine Freude*

**COME GREAT GOD OF ALL THE AGES, MAKE YOUR EARTHLY MISSION KNOWN**

Call to Worship

Walter McWhorter (8:45)  
David Tribble (11:15)

**Praise to You, O great Creator. Praise to You, Holy One.**

**For the great cloud of witness that surrounds us, we lift our voices in praise.**

**For radical hospitality, we lift our voices in praise.**

**For justice, we lift our voices in praise.**

**God makes this space sacred; we gather round on holy ground.**

**Praise to You, Holy One. We worship and serve with gladness.**

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

Come, great God of all the ages, make Your earthly mission known;  
 Speak through every deed and person, let Your way and will be shown.  
 Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;  
 fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone,  
 help us form the church eternal, may Your vision be our own.  
 Send a message to each follower, lead all people to Your way;  
 urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear Your call;  
 through the moving of Your presence, let redeeming love recall  
 ministry and dedication, love embodied in our deeds;  
 challenge us to do Your bidding, see Your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,  
 in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;  
 as we act in faith and reverence, let us Lord, the future see,  
 place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

Prayer of Praise

Walter McWhorter (8:45)  
 David Tribble (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.

**COME, CHRIST JESUS, FLESH AND SPIRIT, SURE FOUNDATION, CORNERSTONE**

Anthem

Z. Randall Stroope

*Come, Dwell in Solomon's Walls*

The Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-10 (Pew Bible page 208—NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

**O Holy One, we confess that we often miss the sacred places in our lives. Help us recall  
 the places of beauty, kindness, mystery, love, and belonging. *Silence***

Forgive us our lack of curiosity in the face of things we do not understand.

**Help us identify the holy places that we may stand in barefooted awareness of the holy. *Silence***

We confess we often rush past people instead of pausing to see them in all their sacredness.

**Forgive us, O Lord. Call to us again in those wilderness places that we might find our way  
 into your sacred future for this place. *Silence***

Amen .

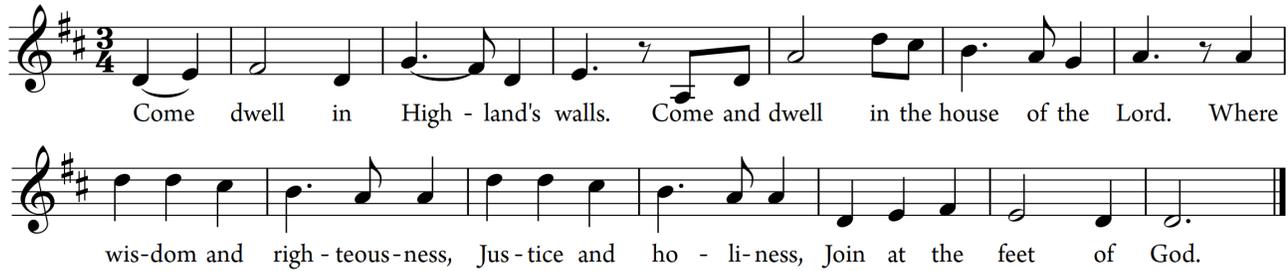
Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

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

Gathering Song

Stroope, adapted



Come dwell in High-land's walls. Come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where  
wis-dom and righ-teous-ness, Jus-tice and ho-li-ness, Join at the feet of God.

Hymn of Assurance (248) †

EDEN CHURCH

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**COME, GREAT SPIRIT, IN AND WITH US, TUNE OUR EARS TO HEAR YOUR CALL**

The Hebrew Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Exodus 3:1-6 (Pew Bible page 49—OT)

Sermon

*A Sacred Space*

**LEAD ALL PEOPLE TO YOUR WAY, AS WE BUILD THE CHURCH TODAY**

Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*  
Linda Campbell, soloist

*Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.  
Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.*

Hymn of Response (457) †

REGENT SQUARE

*Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed*

Offertory Prayer

Alan Spade (8:45)  
Charlie Suer (11:15)

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

J. Stanley

*Gavot*

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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, *Come, Great God of All the Ages*, 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 Linda Campbell, soprano soloist.

We are grateful to Paige Harlow for creating the graphics associated with our Sacred Space for Everyone campaign, including the image on the front cover of the bulletin today.

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 begin Highland's capital campaign, Sacred Space for Everyone, to raise funds for major capital improvements and to fully fund the ministries of Highland for the coming year.** Throughout this month, we want to reflect on the ways that we have found holy ground among this community of faith. How has Highland created space for you? And how can you give so that others might find the kind of sacred space that they need in their life journeys? There are brochures in your pew with more information about the campaign. We also invite you to sign up in the Commons or in the link in the newsletter for a time to pray with us for our church family over the course of this month.
- **Robert P. Jones, author of the book we are reading as a congregation this month, *White Too Long*, will be visiting Highland later this month.** On Saturday, October 15 from 9:30 AM to Noon we will have a coffee and conversation event with Jones. 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](mailto:erin@hbclouisville.org) by Wednesday, October 12 to RSVP.
- **The Congregational Engagement Ministry Group is now receiving recommendations for church members to serve on our various ministry groups for the coming year.** Forms are available today at the end of each pew and in the Commons.
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - 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 (see above)
  - 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 (3:00-5:00 PM)
  - November 6 Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom (5:00 PM)
  - November 20 An Evensong Service of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier (5:00 PM)



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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**  
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**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  
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**Sharon Sanders**  
INTERIM ORGANIST AND  
MUSIC ASSOCIATE