



Together we will create *brave space*.  
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space” —  
We exist in the real world.  
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.  
In this space  
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,  
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,  
We call each other to more truth and love.  
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.  
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.  
We will not be perfect.  
This space will not be perfect.  
It will not always be what we wish it to be.  
But  
It will be our *brave space together*,  
And  
*We will work on it side by side.*

~ Micky ScottBey Jones, *An Invitation to Brave Space*

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 23, 2022  
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

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Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

L. Boellman

*Suite Gothique, Op. 25 —I*

WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Gabe Heeke (8:45)  
Collier Harston (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 brave; we gather round with boldness.  
**Praise to You, Holy One. We worship and serve with gladness.**

Hymn of Praise (477) †

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

Prayer of Praise

Gabe Heeke (8:45)  
Collier Harston (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.**

## ONE IN HEART AND ONE IN SPIRIT

Anthem

Martin Shaw

*With A Voice of Singing*

The Epistle Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Pew Bible page 179—NT)

Prayer of Confession

Sally Evans

Gracious God, we see your vivid generosity in the extravagant beauty of fall,  
in the love of others, and in the life of Christ.  
**Yet we struggle to excel in the ministry of giving.**  
We speak of the sincerity of our faith and our belief in equity,  
**Yet we confess our fear of being without, of sacrifice without reward.**  
From fear and hesitancy, release us. Through your example, remind us of the joy of giving freely  
and the privilege of joining in the work of God.  
**Activate us to boldly and bravely offer what we can to this holy work, so that your justice  
and love may be more clearly seen in our world. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

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 †

NETTLETON

*Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor*

Bricks and mortar, hands and labor day by day a building raise;  
but the church of Christ our Savior grows with worship, work, and praise.  
For the saints who've gone before us, faithful servants, dreamers strong,  
we who see their vision living join glad hearts in grateful song.

For the dreamers still among us who can see what's yet to be;  
for the workers and the planners who make real the dreams we see;  
for Your people, still committed to Your gospel in this place;  
for these gifts that have been given unto You be thanks and praise.

May these walls become a shelter—rest along the journey's way;  
holy space where grace is practiced, welcome space where love holds sway.  
May these walls divide us never, may Your Spirit make us one.  
May our hearts and doors be open—room enough for everyone.

**WORKING IN GOD'S WORLD TODAY**

The Hebrew Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Exodus 3:7-15 (Pew Bible pages 49-50—OT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*A Brave Space*

**LET US SEEK THE COURAGE NEEDED; OUR HIGH CALLING TO FULFILL**

Hymn of Response (490) †

HENDON

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

Giving Story and Offertory Prayer

Steven Michael Carr

Offertory

Bernard W. Sanders

*Nettleton*

*We invite you to come forward, placing your pledge cards on the Communion table  
and your regular offerings in the offering plates. If you have already made a pledge,  
please come forward and lay your hand on the table as an act of prayer for this season.*

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

L. Boellman

*Suite Gothique, Op. 25—II Menuet gothique*

† *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, *We Are Called to Be God's People*, 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

- **The Search Committee for our Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults is thrilled to share that we have unanimously arrived at a final candidate to share with the church.** A church-wide email will be sent out on Wednesday sharing an introduction of the candidate. There are many ways you can connect with the candidate over the course of the weekend,
  - ◇ **Friday, October 28**  
7:00 PM: Candidate visits and meets with Friday Church
  - ◇ **Saturday, October 29**  
9:30 AM: Coffee and Q&A with Highland's Young Adults (18-35), followed by a walk through Cave Hill  
5:30 – 8:00 PM: Pizza Party and Bonfire for Youth, their Parents, and Youth Volunteers; Q&A with Youth Parents
  - ◇ **Sunday, October 30**  
8:45 and 11:15 AM: Candidate shares faith story in worship and congregational vote  
9:00-10:00 AM: Church-wide meet and greet with candidate in The Commons
- **On Wednesday nights at 6:15, Dr. Kathryn House continues our series based on the book *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us* by Kathleen Cahalan.** Join us over the next three Wednesdays (through November 9) as we consider together how we can discover God's calling in surprising ways all around us.
- **Join us on October 30 from 3-5 pm for our intergenerational Fall Festival on the Lawn.** We will celebrate the gifts promised to our *Sacred Space for Everyone* Campaign, the Bible Study class with the most members in attendance will receive a gift card to help cover the cost of your next social event, kids and youth will participate in activities that lead to treats, face painting returns, and we'll enjoy hot apple cider and pie – baked by each of you who choose to enter the pie baking contest! Costumes are welcomed (sweet, not scary) as we enjoy some church-wide fun on a gorgeous fall Sunday afternoon!
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - October 23 Congregational Conversation: Proposed Bylaws Changes on Zoom (5:00 PM)
  - October 28-30 Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults Call Weekend (see above for details)
  - October 30 *Sacred Space for Everyone* Celebration Sunday and Fall Festival on the Lawn (3:00-5:00 PM)
  - November 6 Quarterly Church Conference and Budget Presentation on Zoom (5:00 PM)
  - November 20 An Evensong Service of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier (5:00 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

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Fred Bogert**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH

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