

There is in every person something
that waits and listens for the sound
of the genuine in herself.

There is in you
something that waits and listens
for the sound of the genuine in yourself.
Nobody like you has ever been born
and no one like you will ever be born again—
you are the only one.
And if you miss the sound
of the genuine in you ...
you will never be able to get a scent
on who you are.

~ *Howard Thurman,*
The Sound of the Genuine

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Att. to J. S. Bach

Prelude in F Major (from Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major)

**THE MYSTERY OF YOUR PRESENCE, LORD,
NO MORTAL TONGUE CAN TELL**

Call to Worship

Mary Burks (8:45)
Kathy Belcher (11:15)

We gather and listen for a word that reveals who you are.

We long for a word that guides and shapes who we are in this very moment.

Today, we claim your invitation to reframe what it means to follow you.

We remember that you call us to live life as our whole and authentic selves.

We remember that in doing so, we are already the very salt and light the world needs.

As we worship, may your vision be our own.

Processional Hymn (332) †

AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer of Praise

Mary Burks (8:45)
Kathy Belcher (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.

WITH JOYFUL LIPS WE SING TO YOU OUR PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

The Hebrew Lesson

John Dickson

Isaiah 58:4-12 (Pew Bible pages 674-675—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

We confess, O God, that we live in scarcity.

How can we share our food when we ourselves are hungry?

How can we clothe the naked when we ourselves are cold?

How can we house the homeless when there are so many?

This mindset distances us from your people and you. In it we reject the abundance of your loving justice.

Silence

God, be with us. You invite us to repair social breaches and to see ourselves as well-watered gardens.

There is enough food, enough clothing, and enough room. There is enough dignity for each of us.

We believe in this goodness, but we struggle to share it. Forgive us. Amen.

Anthem

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and Everlasting God

Words of Assurance

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART WITH GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 5:13-16 (Pew Bible page 4—NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

You Have Heard it Said, "No Longer Good for Anything"

COME GIVE TO US, O SAVING LORD, THE BREAD OF LIFE TO EAT

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Justin Sizemore

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

*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 (468) †

FINEST WHEAT

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Stanzas 4 and 5

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Christy Chesnut (8:45)
Rosalind Heinz (11:15)

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.

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.**

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Att. to J. S. Bach

Fugue in F Major (from Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major)

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 response, *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, 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

- **We are thrilled to welcome Paul Henderson as Highland's next Minister of Music and Worship** after our call weekend and vote last Sunday. Paul will be joining our staff in mid-March as he and Kim begin to get settled in Louisville. Please hold them in prayer, along with their daughters Ashtyn and Alyssa, as they begin to transition into this new chapter.
- **Highland's annual women's retreat at Loretto is coming up over the weekend of March 10-12 and will be led by Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Erin Phelps.** There are a total of 26 beds available, with a mixture of private and shared rooms. The cost is \$65 for those staying 1 night and \$55/night for those staying 2 nights. If you have never participated, this year's retreat is a great opportunity to join us and to get to know more women of all ages at Highland. Contact Ginger Miller for more information (502-599-6569) or to sign up!
- **True Colors, Highland's LGBTQ+ focused ministry team, is bringing back LGBTea the second Sunday of each month,** right after the 11:15 AM service in the Commons. LGBTea Time gives casual space for Highland's LGBTQ+ community (including allies) to connect. Interested? Please stop by our first session on February 12 right after worship.
- **Registration is now open for Highland's various summer camps** for kindergarten through 5th grade children and for youth camp for our 6th-12th graders. For more information, contact Renee and Justin, and make sure you receive their email updates for the latest children's and youth ministry happenings.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - This Afternoon: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM
 - Tuesday, February 14: Senior Adult Valentine's Luncheon, 11:30 AM
 - Sunday, February 19: Guest Proclaimer: Angela Williams Gorrell, Author of *The Gravity of Joy*
 - Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:15 PM
 - March 10-12: Women's Retreat at Loretto—contact Ginger Miller for more information



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*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.

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