

Wherever you turn your eyes  
the world can shine  
like transfiguration.  
You don't have to bring a thing to it  
except a little willingness to see.  
Only, who could have  
the courage to see it?

~ Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**  
**8:45 and 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

John Dickson

Prelude

arr. James Swearington

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Highland Orchestra

**WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING  
TO THIS HIGH AND HOLY PLACE**

Call to Worship

Greg Aguillon (8:45)  
Doris Hornbuckle (11:15)

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny: **in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch.**

Sometimes.

And yet, sometimes there is the veil: **the overshadowing, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the wondering, the silence.**

Sometimes God shows up in magnificent and mesmerizing ways.

**And sometimes we question whether God shows up at all.**

We have shown up here, today.

**May God give us eyes to see as we worship together.**

Processional Hymn (162) †

HYFRYDOL

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*  
(alternative tune)

Prayer of Praise

Greg Aguilon (8:45)  
Doris Hornbuckle (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.**

**CHRIST, WITH GARMENTS DRENCHED IN BRIGHTNESS,  
STANDS TRANSFIGURED AND COMPLETE**

Anthem

Egil Hovland

*The Glory of the Creator*

The Hebrew Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Exodus 24:12-18 (Pew Bible pages 69-70—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Holy One, we confess that we do not trust You fully. **We put our hope in worldly possessions and human promises, and then we find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.**

You have given us a Love that is fuller than anything we could experience in this world, **but we do not believe it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security instead. Forgive us.**

*Silence*

May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration;  
**may we rise up, and not be afraid.**

In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace

Hymn of Assurance (161) †

PICARDY

*See Our Lord in All His Glory*

**See our Lord in all His glory, now arrayed in dazzling white!  
See Him shine in holy splendor, bathed in everlasting light!  
See the law and prophets gather, lifting high the Living Christ!**

**See the burning cloud around us guiding through our wilderness.  
Hear the voice of God our Father. Hear the love His words express:  
this my Son is pure and pleasing, hear the blessing that He brings!**

**Jesus Lord, we see Your splendor here and now by daily faith.  
In our service, in our suffering we will follow unafraid,  
on from glory into glory, till we see You face to face.**

# TRUE WORSHIP GIVES US COURAGE TO PROCLAIM WHAT WE PROFESS

The Gospel Lesson †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Matthew 17:1-9 (Pew Bible page 18—NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

Angela Williams Gorrell

*Selah*

# THAT OUR DAILY LIVES MAY PROVE US PEOPLE OF THE GOD WE BLESS

Hymn of Response †

ABERYSTWYTH

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed.

*Refrain: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.*

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM.

*Refrain*

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire.

*Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Perry Ledford (8:45)  
Suzanne Busse (11:15)

Offertory

arr. David Winkler

*How Beautiful*  
Highland Orchestra

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.**

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.**

**For the ministries that shape the life of our community, thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Postlude

G. F. Handel (ed. D. Wolford)

*Allegro Giocosa*

† *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 processional hymn, *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Today's opening words are adapted from a litany written by Joanna Harader through *Spacious Faith*, and the prayer of confession is adapted from one written by Rev. Abi through *Rev-o-lution Worship Resources*.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Angela Williams Gorrell as our guest proclaimer today. Angela is the author of *The Gravity of Joy: A Story of Being Lost and Found*. Her research and work has been featured in the New York Times, NPR, and Christianity Today, and she currently works in partnership with several theological schools, including the Yale Center for Faith and Culture and Luther Seminary Faith + Lead. Angela is also giving the Redding Lecture Tuesday evening at Georgetown College (7:00 PM in the Ward Room in the Learning Resource Center) if you would like to attend.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 6:15 PM.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Join us on this night as we begin this year's Lenten focus at Highland—*Embodied Lent: A Journey Toward Wholeness*. From the saliva in the dirt to water pouring out of rocks to 40 days of temptation in the wilderness, Jesus shows us what the embodiment of divine Love looks like and why it matters to remember that God became flesh, that Christ took on a human body.
- **Lenten Hymn Service: we hope you will join us next Sunday evening for a Highland Hymn Sing at 5:00 PM** to welcome the season of Lent together. Is there a congregation who sings the great canon of the Church's hymns with more intensity and spirit than Highland? Leading us at the organ will be our friend and organist at St. Francis in the Fields, Robert Lee.
- **Our church is seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build.** Together we will work with other local churches to construct a new home near Cane Run Road. The dates are March 9, 10, 11. We normally work from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and lunch will be provided. No experience required. You may help any day that fits your schedule. If interested, contact Larry Hoover at [larryhoover@att.net](mailto:larryhoover@att.net).



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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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