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MIND • BODY • HEART • SOUL

Instead of going to heaven at last,
I'm going all along.

~ Emily Dickinson

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Lenten Refrain †

RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Loving God, we gather and confess this morning that we have grown tired
waiting for this moment to arise.

The work for justice seems too daunting; the search for truth feels too far away
waiting for this moment to arise.

For the ways we have stayed silent and for the times we have looked the other way
waiting for this moment to arise.

We confess we are tired, but the moment is here. Help us to arise and see it.
Amen.

Lenten Song

Paul McCartney

Blackbird

Chorister's Choir

Fred Bogert, keyboard

Words of Assurance

All your life you were waiting for this moment to arise.

All your life you were waiting for this moment to be free.

Praise for the singing when it is no longer in the dead of night.

Praise for the blackbird who has waited so long.

Hymn of Assurance (27) †

BUNESSAN

Morning Has Broken

Chorister's Choir will sing stanza one.

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

A Reading from Psalm 121

Pew Bible page 560—OT

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn of Praise (345) †

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Praise

Navy Ross Azevedo

Anthem

Parker/Shaw

What Wondrous Love is This?

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible page 92—NT)

Sermon

Embodying Lent: A Journey Toward God's Audacious Love

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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.*

Communion Music

Morning Has Broken
Phil Collier, clarinet

Frank Ashdown

Hymn of Response (545) †

PROMISE

In the Bulb

Offertory Prayer

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)

Troy Burden (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.***

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

Doxology †

WONDRIOUS LOVE

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Dale Wood

When Morning Gilds the Skies

† *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.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by David Hartley upon the first anniversary of Betty Unruh's passing.

We welcome Nick Rowan as our worship leader today. We are grateful for Fred Bogert's gifts on keyboard, as well as Phil Collier's contributions on clarinet.

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 excited to share that both the Sizemore and the Henderson families are in the midst of moving to Louisville!** Paul and Kim Henderson arrived in Louisville on Thursday. They will be moving into their apartment this week where they will stay for the next few months while they search for a house. The Sizemores will be moving into their new home on March 14, but they will be balancing time between Lexington and Louisville while their daughters finish the school year. We will share more information about how you can support the Sizemores and the Hendersons as they get settled in Louisville. We also look forward to Paul's first day on staff on Monday, March 13!
- **Highlights Class on Sunday, March 19**—If you're visiting Highland and want to know more about us, or if you're a new member with lots of questions, we invite you to join the ministers, a few deacons, and the new members ministry group for lunch from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Please email Lauren Jones Mayfield to RSVP at laurenjm@hbclouisville.org.
- **Approaching Lent With Heart, Body, Mind and Soul** will give our church family, from kindergarteners through senior adults, the opportunity to engage our hearts, bodies, minds and souls in prayer, story, action, and reflection this Wednesday evening, March 8, from 6:00-7:15. The magic of the evening will be the chance to learn and grow together. Hearing the voices of our youngest and oldest in the same space will be an experience you won't want to miss. Join us!
- **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.



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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.

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