



*Look, we are not unspectacular things.  
We've come this far, survived this much.  
What would happen if we decided to survive more?  
To love harder?  
What if we stood up with our synapses and flesh and said, No.  
No, to the rising tides.  
Stood for the many mute mouths of the sea, of the land?*

*~ Ada Limón, (1976—) Dead Stars*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 26, 2023**

**8:45 and 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

## A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Meditation

att. J. S. Bach

*Prelude in E Minor*

Hymn of Reflection (235) †

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 130

Justin Sizemore

***O Lord, in your mercy, hear us!***

Our world is a mess. We are weary and worn. Everyday seems like a new battle for justice and righteousness. Every day it feels like we lose. How long, O Lord?

***O Lord, in your mercy, hear us!***

For the times we have been apathetic. For the times we have wanted to give up and, out of our privilege, have given up. For the times when we feel like we cannot press on anymore, forgive us, Lord.

***O Lord, in your mercy, hear us!***

Our souls wait for you O Lord, will you hear us? Will you listen to the voices of your beloved?

***O Lord, in your mercy, hear us! Amen.***

Anthem of Assurance

G. Fauré

*Psalm 84*

*O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are Thy dwellings. My soul longs for Thy courts, O Lord. My heart and flesh cry out; O Lord, for Thee. O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee; Who praise Thy name, who sing Thy name, who sing songs within Thy holy house. O Lord, incline Thine ear; Look down, my spirit longs for Thee.*

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

John 11 (Pew Bible pages 102-103—NT)

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn of Praise †

SUSSEX CAROL

*I'll Praise My Maker*

***I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.***

***Happy the one whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky, and earth, and seas with all their train. Whose truth forever stands secure, who saves th'oppressed, who feeds the poor, and none shall find God's promise vain.***

***I'll praise the Lord while I have breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.***

Prayer of Praise

Ashley Cissell (8:45)

Tory Parker (11:15)

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Hebrew Lesson

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible page 791—OT)

*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*Embodying Lent: A Journey Toward Breath and Liberation*

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (688) †

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Show Us How to Stand for Justice*

Offertory Prayer †

Buddy Lee (8:45)

David Wells (11:15)

Offertory

Alan Bullard

*Ubi Caritas*

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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 †

WONDROUS 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 †

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Lenten Benediction †

RESTORATION

***I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;***

***In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

Postlude

att. J. S. Bach

*Fugue in E Minor*

† *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.

Isaiah Cooksey created the original art for our Lenten bulletin today. Isaiah is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and video games. Isaiah also loves spending time with his younger brother, Simon, and attending his sister Hannah's undefeated lacrosse team games. He would also like to give a shout out to his amazing parents, Mary and Noah. Please express your gratitude to Isaiah for sharing his gifts to enrich our Lenten journey.

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

- **On Wednesday, March 29, there will be a student-led rally in Frankfort to support trans youth and others of the LGBTQ+ community and to protest SB 150, the so-called Anti-Trans bill, which has passed in both houses** (March 29 and 30 are the days that the legislature can overturn a veto from Governor Beshear, which he is expected to do). The rally will be held in front of the Annex steps to the Capitol from 9:30 to 11:30. If you would like to go and carpool, please contact Nancy Goodhue (nancygoodhue@gmail.com) or Justin Sizemore (justin@hbclouisville.org).
- **On Sunday, April 9, we look forward to sharing an Easter breakfast together on the church lawn from 10:00-11:00 AM between the 8:45 and 11:15 AM worship services.** There will be a finger food breakfast along with Easter egg hunt activities for children and families. Chip Miller is also building a large wooden cross for the front lawn of the church, and **we invite you to bring fresh flowers from 8:30-8:45 AM or from 9:45-10:15 AM so that we can adorn the cross together for Easter.** There will be no regular Bible studies meeting that morning. More info will be coming soon about ways to help with this special gathering.
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday
  - Wednesday, April 5: No Regular Wednesday Night Activities; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 PM
  - Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM
  - Friday, April 7: Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM
  - Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday Worship at 8:45 and 11:15 AM  
Easter Breakfast on the Lawn from 10:00-11:00 AM  
(No Bible study classes)



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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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