



Peace be with you.
As the Creator
has sent me,
so I send you.

~ John 20:21

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER

Prelude

W. A. Mozart

Alleluia

Opening Words

John Gribbins (8:45)
Sally Evans (11:15)

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.
For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.
For the outcome of our faith is the liberation of our souls.

Processional Hymn (222) †

MACCABEUS

Thine Is the Glory

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

John Gribbins (8:45)
Sally Evans (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.

THAT TUMBLES WALLS OF FEAR

Anthem

K. Lee Scott

Christ Rising Again

The congregation is invited to sing upon direction.

Refrain

Christ ris - ing a - gain dies no - more, death has no strength, no pow - er o - ver

him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.

Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died. In

Repeat Refrain

Christ let all the earth re - joice, Our Lord, once cru - ci - fied.

The Hebrew Lesson

Paul Henderson

Psalm 16 (Pew Bible pages 485-486 – OT)

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

*Holy One, for when we do not abide in your Presence, forgive us.
For when we fail to move beyond “thoughts and prayers,” forgive us.
For our passive acceptance of destruction and our idleness in the face of death, forgive us.
For our complicity in violent systems that push people to the margins, forgive us.
For our striving and our surface quick fixes, forgive us. Build up within us a power
that demands justice and requires love.*

Silence

Help us to live as Easter people O God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

AND GATHERS IN ONE HOUSE OF FAITH

The Exchange of Peace †

Hymn of Assurance (357) †

MARION

O Praise the Gracious Power

Pastoral Prayer

Justin Sizemore

The Gospel Lesson †

Erin Phelps

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible page 113 – NT)

Sermon

*I Love It When God Does That
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship (11:15)*

ALL STRANGERS FAR AND NEAR

Hymn of Response (634) †

FAITH’S JOURNEY

We Walk by Faith

Offertory Prayer †

Walter McWhorter (8:45)
Paige Harlow (11:15)

Offertory

J. Biery

Cantabile on DUNLAP’S CREEK

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh and Justin Sizemore

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 †

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below,
O praise God, Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Benediction †

Erin Phelps

Postlude

att. J. S. Bach

Prelude in B Flat 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 assurance, *O Praise the Gracious Power*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Mae Burden by her son, Troy D. Burden, on the anniversary of her passing to our Cloud of Witness April 14, 2013.

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

- **Join us on Wednesday, April 19, for our next Cloud of Witness evening at 6:15.** Bob Cunningham facilitates conversations with Highland members about their faith journeys. **Randy Biery, Elizabeth Gribbins, and Justin Sizemore** will share some of their stories with us.
- **Ordination of Erin Phelps—we are grateful to Erin for serving as our proclaimer at Highland today!** Erin has served on staff with us in various capacities over the past two years, and during Lauren's sabbatical, she will serve as Interim Associate Pastor. **We are also excited to be ordaining Erin next Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 PM.** We hope you can join us for this time of celebration and affirmation of Erin's call to ministry.
- **Deacon Nomination Process Continues—Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland. Our Deacons are not an “administrative board,” but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community of faith in a variety of ways.** The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 9 people to serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. The online nomination form can be found in the newsletter. For those who do not have computer access, please call the church office to make your nominations (502-451-3735). Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. **The deadline for nominations is Sunday, April 30.**
- **Are you looking for a way to connect or re-connect at Highland? Bible Study classes are a great “next step” to engage with us as the family of God in this place!** Classes for all different ages and life journeys meet Sundays from 10:00-11:00 AM. Information about all of our adult class offerings is available in The Commons, and for more info, contact one of our ministers. We would love to help you get connected with a space to get to know others and to be known within our community of faith!



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.

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