



Yeah I want a house with a crowded table  
and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
and bring us back together when the day is done.

~ from *Crowded Table* by The Highwomen

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 30, 2023**

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

**WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES, MY HEART AWAKING CRIES,  
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED**

Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Sanctuary Handbells

F. Thomas Simpson

Opening Words

Justin Boldt (8:45)  
Karen Park (11:15)

This morning, we are present in our wondering and our imagining  
as we reach out to the God that loves us.

*In this place of wonder and awe, may we spend time together  
filled with gladness and goodwill.*

*Let us worship God.*

Processional Hymn (345) †

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Praise †

Justin Boldt (8:45)  
Karen Park (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.*

**ALIKE AT WORK AND PRAYER, TO JESUS I REPAIR;  
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED**

The Gospel Lesson †

John 10:1-10 (Pew Bible pages 101-102 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Shepherding God, we confess that we have lost our way. We go about our days  
anxiously and aimlessly running from one place to the next. And in trying to keep up  
such a frenetic pace, we are so lost.

*We miss the quiet that gives us wisdom.*

*We miss the voice that tells us we are your beloved.*

*We miss the compass points that show us the way forward.*

Oh God, we know that this is not the life that you call us toward. Open our eyes.  
Calm our thoughts. Slow our steps.

*Remind us that it is in letting go that we are grounded, in slowing down  
that we are strengthened, and in following you that we find life abundant. Amen.*

Hymn of Assurance (41) †

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

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

YE REALMS OF HUMANKIND, IN THIS YOUR CONCORD FIND:  
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

The Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:42-47 (Pew Bible page 117—NT)

Justin Sizemore

Sermon

*Beloved Community*

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

LET ALL THE EARTH AROUND RING JOYOUS WITH THE SOUND:  
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

Anthem

arr. David Cherwien

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Stanza one—congregation and choir

Stanzas two and three—choir

Stanza four—congregation and choir †

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of the hour.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.  
Serving you whom we adore.*

Offertory Prayer †

Tyler Swim (8:45)  
Greg Clark (11:15)

Offertory

arr. Brian Childers

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Sanctuary Handbells

Stephanie Hall, flute

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 †

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 †

Justin Sizemore

Postlude

Dale Wood

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## 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, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, 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 look forward to welcoming one of Highland's Global Partners in North Africa, Karen Zimmerman, to worship next week.** We will not be live-streaming worship next week to give Karen more flexibility with what she can share with us, so we hope you make plans to join us.
- **Final day for deacon nominations—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. Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. **Printed ballots are available in each pew. The deadline for nominations is today.**
- **Do conversations around racism make you feel uncomfortable, confused, defensive or curious? If so, you aren't alone!** Join us for this entry level class about racism, continuing each Wednesday through May 17th at 6:15 PM. Come ready to just listen or ask the questions you've been wanting to ask. We are here to lovingly support you on your journey to better understanding our call to racial justice and reparations.
- **Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Evan Jacoby invite the entire Highland family to join them for a come-and-go church-wide wedding reception on Thursday, June 8 from 6:00-9:00 PM at The Pointe in Butchertown (1205 East Washington St).** No gifts, please! What we would love most is the gift of spending the evening marking this special moment in our lives with our church family. All are welcome - including children! **Please RSVP at <https://events.blackbirdsvp.com/maryaliceandevan> by tomorrow, May 1.**
- **Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale - Saturday, May 13—Please bring your contributions for the Jean Janes yard sale and place them in the hallway leading back to the Fireside Room.** Also, please plan to come shop at the yard sale. Buying used, instead of new, saves money and the environment! All proceeds from the annual yard are used to support local, state, and international missions.



**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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