

At the heart
of Christian community
is creating belonging
where there had been boundary,
border, separation and segregation.
A Christian sense of belonging
always cuts across every other kind
of alignment and allegiance.

~ Willie Jennings



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2023

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

IN EVERY LIVING SOUL AND FRAGRANT FLOWER
YOUR HANDIWORK IS SEEN—CREATION SINGS!

Prelude

J. Pachelbel

Canon in D

Kathy Collier and Sharon Sanders

Call to Worship

David Swim (8:45)
Larry Gray (11:15)

We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

Holy Trinity, meet us with our questions, and help us embrace your mystery.

We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity, that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one. Amen.

Processional Hymn (1) †

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy

Stanza 1—Bass voices (unison)

Stanza 2—Treble voices (unison)

Stanza 3—Sanctuary choir

Stanza 4—Congregation and choir (unison)

Prayer of Praise †

David Swim (8:45)
Larry Gray (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.

O RISEN CHRIST, WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THE VASTNESS OF YOUR WIDE-EMBRACING LOVE

The Hebrew Lesson

Psalm 8 (*Psalms for Praying* by Nan Merrill)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Anthem

O God, You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour

Howard Helvey

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Creator God, who are we that you are mindful of us? You have made us co-creators. Too often, we confuse this holy charge with having ownership. We then treat your creation as a resource to be used for our needs and our profit. ***Forgive us, and show us another way.***

Loving Christ, we cannot grasp your love for us, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become enmeshed in our own needs and desires, and we fail to see beyond our own little circles. ***Forgive us, and show us another way.***

Holy Spirit, you come in like a rushing wind, giving us your wisdom and upholding us. You tend to us and care for us, even on the days we don't feel we deserve it. For the ways we ignore your voice and your work in our lives, ***forgive us, and show us another way. Amen.***

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Assurance (254) †

CANONBURY

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

O SPIRIT, GIVING BREATH TO ALL THE EARTH, WE GROW IN FAITH AND STRENGTH FROM YOUR CLEAR FLAME

Introduction of Guest Proclaimer

Missy Smith (8:45)
Margaret Pennington (11:15)

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible page 33—NT)

Sermon

Love is the Antithesis of Isolation

Gerardo Martí

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

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Erin Phelps

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.*

**MAY WE, WITH HEARTS UPLIFTED BY YOUR GRACE,
EXTEND YOUR LOVE TO EVERY LAND AND RACE.**

Hymn of Response †

HARLAN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, You show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, You make the common holy: "This My body, this My blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share Your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

Offertory Prayer

Kim Clark (8:45)
Mary Ida Gray (11:15)

News for the Community

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 †

TALLIS' CANON

*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.*

Choral Benediction †

HARLAN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

Postlude

Piet Post

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 choral anthem, *O God, You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response. The anthem was commissioned by Highland Baptist Church in celebration of the 100th anniversary and rededication of our Sanctuary and in memory of Virginia Middleton Marcum.

We welcome Dr. Gerardo Martí as our guest proclaimer today. He is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology at Davidson College. He publishes broadly on race, religion, and social change. Currently, Dr. Martí's research is funded generously through Lilly Endowment's Thriving Congregations Initiative and focused on churches actively confronting racial injustice.

We extend our gratitude to Kathy Collier for sharing her musical gifts with us today in worship.

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 will recognize our post-secondary school graduates at the end of worship on Sunday, June 11.** If you are graduating from college, graduate school, trade or professional school, or from another program this year, your Highland family would love to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone with you. We plan to do this at the close of our 11:15 worship service. Please contact Justin Sizemore at justin@hbclouisville.org if you are able to participate.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - Thursday, June 8: **Mary Alice and Evan's Church-Wide Wedding Reception**, 6:00-9:00 PM at The Pointe
 - Thursday, June 15: **Drag Revival: A Pride Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy at Highland Community Ministries**, 7:00-9:00 PM
We need individually wrapped baked goods to sell to raise money for Louisville Youth Group. Sign up in the Commons or online!
 - Saturday, June 17: **Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival, 12:00 PM**
We will march in the Parade and have a booth set up at the Pride Festival. For those marching in the parade, we will gather in NuLu at 11:30 AM. More details to come. We still need a few volunteers for the booth and you can sign up in the commons today!
 - Sunday, June 18: **Pride Sunday**
Join us as we gather for an amazing day of worship at Highland. We will hear from a variety of voices, our very own Sally Evans will be our proclaimer, and we will sing our praises to the Creator of us all!



**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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