



Reverence requires
a certain pace.
It requires a willingness
to take detours,
even side trips,
which are not part
of the original plan.

~Barbara Brown Taylor,
*An Altar in the World:
A Geography of Faith*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 11, 2023
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

YET GOD THE SAME ABIDING, GOD’S PRAISE SHALL TUNE MY VOICE

Prelude

Michael Burkhardt

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Opening Words

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
Abigail Berrios (11:15)

We gather today to worship the God who sees us, who leads us to places of healing.

Let us praise God with our voices raised in prayer.

We gather today to worship the God who is faithful to creation and who inspires our own faithfulness.

Let us praise God with our voices raised in song.

We gather today to worship the God who loves justice, who urges us to love justice, too.

Let us praise God with our voices raised together.

Friends, let us worship God together this day.

Hymn (58) †

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Praise †

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
Abigail Berrios (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.

Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O Clap Your Hands

IN HOLY CONTEMPLATION WE SWEETLY THEN PURSUE

The Hebrew Lesson

Justin Sizemore

Genesis 12:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 9-10 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Erin Phelps

God, you call us to new places, to new opportunities, to new abundant futures for all.

But sometimes we resist following you.

We ask forgiveness for the times when we stay stuck in place, unwilling to hear your call.

God, you offer us many blessings. But sometimes we hoard our blessings,

or imagine we are the only ones who are blessed.

We ask forgiveness for the times when we practice scarcity, unwilling to share our blessings.

God, you care about each of us. But sometimes we care too much about making

our own names great at the expense of others.

We ask your forgiveness for the times when we place our own reputations and interests

higher than care of our neighbors. Forgive us, God, for all of these things. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

THE THEME OF GOD'S SALVATION AND FIND IT EVER NEW

Sung Gospel Reading †

W ZLOBIE LEZY

There Was Jesus by the Water

There was Jesus by the water speaking to the pressing crowd, when, behold, there came a ruler from the synagogue, who bowed, saying, "Come and heal my daughter, lay your healing hands upon her, heal her, please, that she may live. Heal her, please, that she may live.

As the Savior healed another, news was brought that she was dead. "Do not trouble Jesus further." Jesus heard the news and said, "I will come and see your daughter, and will lay my hands upon her, do not fear, she yet may live. Do not fear, she yet may live."

Jesus went back with the ruler where they heard the mourners weep. Jesus said unto the wailers, "Why this tumult— she's asleep. I will go unto his daughter, and will lay my hands upon her, do not laugh, only believe. Do not laugh, only believe."

Jesus touched the little daughter, saying, "Little girl, arise!" And she rose to see her father's and her mother's stunned surprise. They then held their little daughter and they laid their hands upon her, trusting how he made her live. Trusting how he made her live.

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Holy Interruptions

FOR WHILE IN GOD CONFIDING I CANNOT BUT REJOICE

Hymn of Response (634) †

FAITH'S JOURNEY

We Walk by Faith

Offertory Prayer †

Scott Gunter (8:45)
Libby Cunningham (11:15)

Offertory

arr. Craig Courtney

Sometimes a Light Surprises Kim and Paul Henderson

News for the Community and Recognition of Graduates

Justin Sizemore and 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 †

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 †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

J. H. Knecht

Postlude

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 offertory, *Sometimes a Light Surprises*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Thanks to Neil Barton for sharing his musical gifts with us today.

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

- **Highland has a NEW WEBSITE! Visit us at hbclouisville.org and find a much more accessible site with updated content, photographs, descriptions, links, and videos.** Please share your gratitude and appreciation with Walter McWhorter for his hours of work and leadership on this project over the past year, with Cheryl Davis for her behind-the-scenes support with so many details, with Bill Campbell for many of our updated photographs and staff head shots, and with all of our staff who helped this site better reflect who we are as a community of faith. We hope you will share our site on social media and with friends so that we can continue to introduce the broader community to Highland's work and witness in God's world.
- **If you ordered a Pride t-shirt, they are available today in the lobby between worship services.** We hope to have a few extras of the adult sizes available for purchase once the original orders are picked up. Extras will be available this week in the church office Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 5 PM. T-shirts are \$20 and all proceeds support Highland's True Colors Ministry.

- **Looking Ahead**

- 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. Sign up in the Commons today or follow us on social media to receive information via email about our meeting spot in NuLu before the parade on Saturday. We also still need a few volunteers for Highland's booth at the Pride Festival, and you can sign up in the Commons.
- 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!



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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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