

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, *For All The Children*, 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

- **Highland's Pride Banners.** If you haven't yet, we hope you will take time to notice the beautiful Pride banners hanging in the sanctuary this month celebrating our LGBTQ+ siblings as beloved children of God. We are especially grateful to Troy Burden for his leadership in spearheading this project and to Molly Braun for her artistry and hours of work in designing and creating these new banners for the Highland family.
- **Passport Camp for Children and Youth.** This week, Highland's 3rd-5th grade children will be attending Passport Kids Camp in Berea, Kentucky, and our youth will be attending Passport Youth Camp in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Let's hold them in prayer throughout this exciting and transformative week, along with their chaperones: Renee Purtlebaugh, Angela Collins, Buddy Lee, Phil Collier, and Ron Smith (children's camp) and Justin Sizemore, Megan Fuller, Eric Cutler, Tyler Swim, Carol Harston, and Amy Pacyga (youth camp).
- **Celebration of Pride.** To the True Colors Ministry Team and all of those who helped to lead out in Highland's wholehearted participation in Kentuckiana Pride this week, THANK YOU! The Drag Revival, parade, festival booth, and this morning's service are all beautiful witnesses to God's inclusive love.
- **Welcome back, Lauren Jones Mayfield!** Lauren returned to the office this week from her sabbatical time for rest and renewal, and we are excited have her back with us in work and worship. Lauren writes, "For my colleagues, especially Erin Phelps's beautiful ministry, for those lay folks who led in rich capacities during these recent weeks, and for each of you who so beautifully contribute to the family of God in this place, I offer my deepest thanks. I return to you with anticipation and readiness for the ministry of care and justice that continues to unfold among us." Read the newsletter this week to learn more about Lauren's sabbatical time, including her creative new practice of soul journaling, and follow her reflections on Instagram @laurenjonesmayfield.

Naming the God of Many Colors



**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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P R I D E S U N D A Y

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 2023

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE TO RAISE OUR SONG

Prelude

Partitas on "O God, Thou Faithful God" Partita IX

J.S. Bach

Opening Words

Matthew Neal (8:45)
Bill Ockerman (11:15)

O burning Mountain, O chosen Sun
O perfect Moon, O fathomless Well,
O unattainable Height, O Clearness beyond measure
O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit,
O Strength beyond resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty:
Everything you have created sings your praise!

Hymn †

Praise the Source of All Creation

HOLY MANNA

***Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,
blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.
Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,
streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.***

***Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;
many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.
Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,
we will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.***

***Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind, and soul,
reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.
Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;
praise the great Creative Spirit, living in us and above.***

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Clark and Diane Endicott (8:45)
Troy Burden (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

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. Praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations, is high above all nations, and God's glory, God's glory above the heavens. Praise ye the Lord. Praise God O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord, praise the Lord!

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

OH, WE PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG LIVES CUT SHORT

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:7-13 (Pew Bible page 189 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

In your blessed creation, O God, humankind is a rainbow people.
We are splendid in color and culture, sexuality and gender, ability and language. Together we shine beneath the arching colors of Divine love.

We wonder then, Holy God, why is there so much hate, bigotry, and violence?
Forgive us when we dampen your radical welcome, abundant pride, and holistic justice. Forgive us when we lose sight of your glory in ourselves and in our siblings.

God, your love is not fragile. Your love does not cower to homophobia or transphobia. Your love transcends binaries, boxes, and rigid categorizations.
Help us celebrate your equity and the fullness of our identity spectrum. We believe that each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made. Forgive us when we forget the rainbow promise in our storm-tossed world that you are with us always. Amen.

*Select phrases from the prayer of confession come from a litany by Ann Day which is published in *Before the Amen*.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED

Hymn (see insert) †

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

The Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 16:7-14 (Pew Bible page 12 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

You Are the God Who Sees Me, All of Me

Sally Evans

GOD WE'RE WORKING FOR THE FUTURE

Hymn of Response (see insert) †

For All the Children

David Lohman

Offertory Prayer †

Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Abbi Wolfe (11:15)

Offertory

HOLY MANNA

Joseph Martin

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 †

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 †

Sally Evans

Postlude

Prelude in C

Johann Krebs