

Beloved,  
Let Us  
*Love*  
one another,

for love is from

**GOD;**

everyone

who loves

is born of God, and

knows *God.*

1 John 4:7

## *HIGHLAND* PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 28, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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April 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

*The pealing bell calls us to worship, reminding us to  
quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare  
for the worship of the living God.*

## The Gathering of the People of God

A Word of Welcome

Prelude *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice* Margaret Sandresky

Call to Worship

One: We come together to thank the Creator of life.

**All: We come to praise God's holy name  
and to seek after God's ways.**

One: We come to be forgiven and to forgive.

**All: We come to be a community in God's love.**

One: We come to worship.

**All: Praise God!**

Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 341

*O God, Show Mercy to Us*

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## The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.*

Assurance of God's Love

\* All who are able please stand.

*GTG = Glory to God*

\*Response

*Festival Alleluia*

James Chepponis



\*A Time of Sharing God's Peace

\*Response 301

*All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

## The Word for the People of God

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 22:25–31

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One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

1 John 4:7–12, 19–21

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One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Let Us Love*

Debbie Layman

## The Response of the People of God

\*Hymn 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

**God created human beings with a need for community  
and with freedom to enter into it  
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience  
and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**We believe that we have been created  
to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.  
We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility  
by trying to live without God and other people**

**or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,  
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.  
Since every human being is made for communion  
with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt.  
We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer, GTG 35 Erin Doyle

Our Gifts to God

Anthem *Ubi Caritas* Paul Halley

Chancel Choir with Wiley Sykes, percussion

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
(Latin text from the Maundy Thursday Rite)

Oba ye, oba yo Obatala. Praise to the ruler of the heavens.  
Oba ye, oba yo Yemanja. Praise to the ruler of the waters of life.  
Oba ye, oba yo Ra, Ausar. Praise to the ruler of the light and the resurrected soul.  
(African Chant)

\*Doxology GTG 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **The Sending Forth of the People of God**

\*Hymn 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude *Kum Ba Ya* John A. Behnke

# Worship Notes

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**We welcome to worship leadership** Susan Bates, organist.

**Large-print Bibles**, bulletins, and hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**A Loop Assisted Hearing System** is in place in Highland's Sanctuary. You can access this service by switching your hearing aid's T-coil to "On" and adjusting the volume control if needed; you may also request a headset from an usher.

## Calendar

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### Sunday April 28

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided), Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Dolorosa Gathering, Chapel  
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth  
End-of-Year Celebration,  
Home of Parker Bragg

### Thursday May 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study,  
Ardmore Room  
6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee,  
Salem Room  
7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee,  
Salem Room  
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Fiddlin' Fish

### Monday April 29

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Poverty Book Group, Salem Room

### Wednesday May 1

8:00 a.m. Monthly Mid-Week Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Lamentations and Laughter, AB 5  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the weekly newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall.  
Check [www.highlandpres.org](http://www.highlandpres.org), for changes or cancellations.

# Welcome to Highland

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**We extend a warm welcome** to all who come to this sanctuary today. May you find in this place and among the people gathered here grace and peace from the living Christ who has promised to be present with us. To learn more about Highland, scan the QR code with your phone.



**If you are visiting with us today**, please include your contact information on the Visitor Card that you can find in the pew rack. You may place the card in the offering plate when it is passed. If you are a college or graduate school student, add your school name to the card as well.

**Childcare is available** during the worship service. Children up to age five are welcome in Room 112 located on the first floor near the Chapel. All volunteers are vaccinated and will be masked. **During worship** we also offer a room for Children & Parents, Room 216, which is a friendly childcare space near the Sanctuary where parents can tend to the needs of their child and still share in the livestreamed service.

**Children & Worship** is available for kindergartners and first graders. Following the Time for Young Disciples, they are invited to room 307 for a creative and interactive time to learn more about worship.

**We offer online ways to give** in addition to our traditional giving in the offering plate. To give via smart phone, you may text the word *highland* to 73256 or scan the QR code. We are thankful for your generous sharing!



**We are a Matthew 25 Congregation** of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to engage actively in the world around us, helping our faith come alive. As a Matthew 25 congregation we pledge to work on *building congregational vitality*, *dismantling structural racism*, and *eradicating systemic poverty*. Learn more at [pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25).

***Bless You!*— Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28**, please pray for John and Susan Corey; John and Katie Paterson; Jeff, Sharon and Lucas Payne; Phil and Nancy Payne; Mike, Summer, Connor, Hannah, Andrew and Rachel Riley; Sue and Philippe Sevin; Randy, Debbie and William Shields; Alex and Emily Taylor. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*