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10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord

Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Surely the Lord is in this place!

All: This is the house of God.

One: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice,
mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power,
and show contempt for your love.

We apologize insincerely and confess our sin flippantly.

We ask your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,
to admit honestly how we have grieved you,
to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.

We ask your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*JOYFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God

GTG 583

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

As we light candles on
the Retable, place the
Bible at the Lectern,
pour water in the
Baptismal Font, and
set the
Communion Table,
we are reminded of
the presence of Christ
in Word
and Sacrament.

(*) When this
symbol precedes an el-
ement of the
service, you are
invited to rise
in body or spirit.

This prayer of
confession is based on
a prayer by John Bun-
yan (1628-1688), au-
thor of *The Pilgrim's
Progress*.

*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 good news of
God's forgiving love
calls for our
response of praise,
and for words of
peace and welcome to
one another.

THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 5:6-11

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:11-19a

Page 25

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

SERMON

Deep Flaws, Deeper Blessing

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The grace of God
calls for a response!
Our giving is
offered in a spirit of
gratitude for
God's blessings.

Today's offertory is
from *Biblical Songs*.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD (*INCLUDING 5 CENTS A MEAL*)

OFFERTORY

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Antonin Dvořák

Dr. Caryn Greco, soprano

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry.

Thou art my refuge and my hope, thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell
forever in thy tents and hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek thee early. My soul is faint, my body
longeth after thee in a barren desert where there is no water.

Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration; yea, my lips
shall praise thee all my life long.

* DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues ...

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung by all*)

Hymn 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest. *The prayer continues ...*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

All: So let us be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

One: Let us go out into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good, and return no one evil for evil.

**All: May we strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Concerto IV

Johann Sebastian Bach

The congregation is invited to come forward to receive communion. Gluten- and nut-free bread is available at the station to the right of the Lectern.

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day. The Church is called to follow its risen Lord into the world!

WORSHIP NOTES

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, please pray for Alex Barrett; Ralph and Susan Burroughs; Vince Canino; Heather Ferguson; Dotty Hill. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

Bless Our Neighbors!—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, please pray for our neighbors who provide justice for children through *Action 4 Equity* and *Triad Restorative Justice*.

CALENDAR

Sunday August 2

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Patio
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Committee, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Service Lunch, Highland's Food Pantry
- 4:00 p.m. Teacher Summer Celebration, Home of Summer Riley

Monday August 3

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday August 4

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday August 5

- 10:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group, Ardmore Room
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126

Thursday August 6

- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, Salem Room

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the church newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall.
Check www.highlandpres.org, for changes or cancellations.



WELCOME TO HIGHLAND

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.

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.

Childcare is available during the worship service. Highland has a safe and engaging Nursery for our youngest children (ages 0-5 years) on the first floor of the Education Building. We have a professional child care provider along with several volunteer Highland members who have all been trained with our Child and Youth Protection Policy. Age-appropriate toys, books and activities keep your child engaged as parents and grandparents attend the worship service. If you need help locating the Nursery, please ask a Greeter.

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.

We are an Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We pledge in our *worship* and discipleship to celebrate God's grace and glory in creation. Our *education* strives to encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation. We seek to manage, maintain, and upgrade our *facilities* to respect and cherish all creation, and our *outreach* will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

LIFE AT HIGHLAND

Churchwide

Lemonade in the Shade: During the summer, following worship all are invited for fellowship and lemonade on the Narthex Patio. This is a wonderful, informal way to meet other Highlanders and greet visitors.

To sign up for meals, service work, and more, scan this QR code.



Service

Moore Food Pantry: Highland and Temple Emmanuel team up to provide a food pantry for the children of Moore Elementary and their families twice a month. For the month of August, we are asking for donations of macaroni and cheese.

The Earth Care Committee is collecting used sneakers for GotSneakers. Learn more about this wonderful recycling program by visiting their website www.gotsneakers.com.

Children

Sunday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.

Children, join us in the PrayGround! This is a friendly space in the balcony for children ages 5 and up to worship while enjoying quiet and engaging activities such as puzzles, storybooks, and coloring sheets.

Youth

Youth Service Lunch today, 11:15 a.m. join us in the Moore Food Pantry as we conquer some service work and enjoy a pizza lunch together.

Adults

Summer Sunday Church School Offerings:

9:00 a.m. *The Present Word*, Room 124

9:00 a.m. Deeper Dive: A Summer Series of Faith-Shaping Video Podcasts, Room 126

Coffee & Conversation,
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Camel City Coffee, 110 Oakwood Drive
Join us for drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. All are welcome!

Faith & Film, Monday, August 10:

Join us at the Sherwood Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. as we discuss *Project Hail Mary* (2026).