

# SOUL KEEPING

“The Practice of Grace”

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...

I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers;  
such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

This is to my Father’s glory,  
that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

**John 15: 1,5-8 (NIV)**

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

**Greeters:**

Sandy & Gary Cross  
Betsy, Grant, Dean, & Quinn Schonour  
Kara Rose & Brett Sheaffer  
Elizabeth & Clair Hess

**Ushers:**

Johnny Wood  
Don & Ann Garee  
Nancy Holtzapple  
Bev Campbell  
Glenda Burross  
Gine Lancaster

**The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**

Melissa Werner, in memory of her father, C. Daniel Deiter, on what would've been his 86th birthday (10/3)  
Rae Ann & Dick Entz, in honor of the 1 year anniversary of the ordination of our son, Rev. Brian Entz  
John & Mary Louise Wylie, in loving memory of their parents

The white roses are to announce the deaths of Kellie Harvey and Nancy Bowe

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

*"I Was Glad"*

Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship (Lamentations 3, Psalm 137)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many suffer tragedy?**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord; and sing a new song together! Amen!**

\* Opening Hymn #356

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:**

**You have called us to one table,**

**but we have pursued our own course.**

**You have promised us the abundance of all creation,**

**but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.**

**You have promised us the bread of life itself,**

**but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.**

**You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,**

**but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.**

**And now we are famished, too,**

**Lord. Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, again.**

**Transform us, at this table, and for this table,**

**and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,**

**by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*For our combined service today, during the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to either pick up a worship bag from the back and sit with their parents, or join Ms. Laurie at the back of the sanctuary and she will take them out until the end of the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to pick up a worship bag and take it back to their seats. A nursery is provided for birth-preschoolers. Our **Prayground** will reopen next Sunday during our regular services.*

\* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

Minute for Stewardship

Making a Difference

Scripture

John 15:1, 5-8 (NIV)

Communion Meditation

**"The Practice of Grace"  
4th in Series: "Soul Keeping"**

Hymn of Response #466

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

### **Responding to God's Word**

Communion - Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Distribution of Elements

*It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread when served, representing your individual relationship with God. However, please hold the cup until all are served, so we may partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.*

*Gluten, Egg and dairy free bread is located in the central dish of the serving tray.*

Communion Musical Meditation

Caroline Haines

Presentation of Offering

Sue Savage

Offertory

*"When I survey the Wondrous Cross"*

arr. Gilbert Martin

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

\* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Minute For Mission

Crop Walk

Gary Cross

\* Closing Hymn #525

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

\* Benediction and Congregational Response

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;**

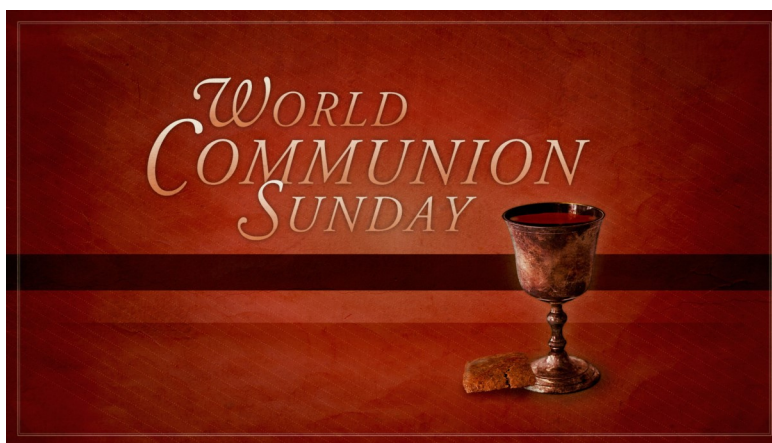
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

**MUSIC:** HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR, CAROLINE HAINES, HARP  
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



**A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal  
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.**

**Cell phones should be silenced during the worship service.**

**Nursery is available during all worship services**

*After the service, please recycle this page in the receptacles labeled "Paper Only" located in the Narthex.*

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If you missed a week but would still like to connect with Highland on the message  
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