HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"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 15:1-8 (NIV)

- CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

Greeters: Kim Buzzard, Carol & Peter Schreck, Reist Family, Joyce McClintock
Ushers: Randy Heller, Henry & Wendy Hershey, David Levens, John Wolfe

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Helen Friant

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:
Harry & Eileen Flick in honor of their 55th Anniversary
Linda Keener in memory of Jim Malles
Reist Family in memory of Art & Marian Reist
Carla & Jerry Rothacker in memory of Irv Craft

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude "Croon Song" Doris Hall-Gulati, clarinet

Welcome & Ministry Highlights Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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

Minute For Mission - West Virginia Mission Trip Pete Rothacker
Minute For Mission - One Great Hour of Sharing Video

Call to Worship Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.
People: We come to worship because we seek to abide in Christ.
Leader: The branches that remain connected to the vine bear much fruit.
People: We come here because we long to bear fruit for the Lord.
Leader: In this place, let us seek the Lord's face,
All: And glorify Him forever!

* Opening Hymn #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

God of mercy, as branches connected to the vine, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. At times, we have cut ourselves off from you rather than allowing you to prune us. Forgive us, God. Help us to stay connected to the true vine so that everything we do, and everything we say, reflects the love and grace of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon (John 15:3) Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism, God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace — Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* 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.

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Choir Anthem — "Lenten Song" — by Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading — John 15:1-8 — Joanna Roth

Message — **"I Am the Vine"** — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Lenten Question: Because Jesus is _____, I am _____

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn — "Nearer My God To Thee"

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer — Will Massey

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.

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #383 — "My Faith Looks Up to Thee "

* Charge and Benediction — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude — "Sonata in G Minor" by J.S. Bach — Doris Hall-Gulati, saxophone

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

Music: *Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director*
Jonathan Lefever, organist
Highland Chancel Choir
A/V: Mark Anderson, Garrett Koleda, Gus Beaulieu

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.
Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.