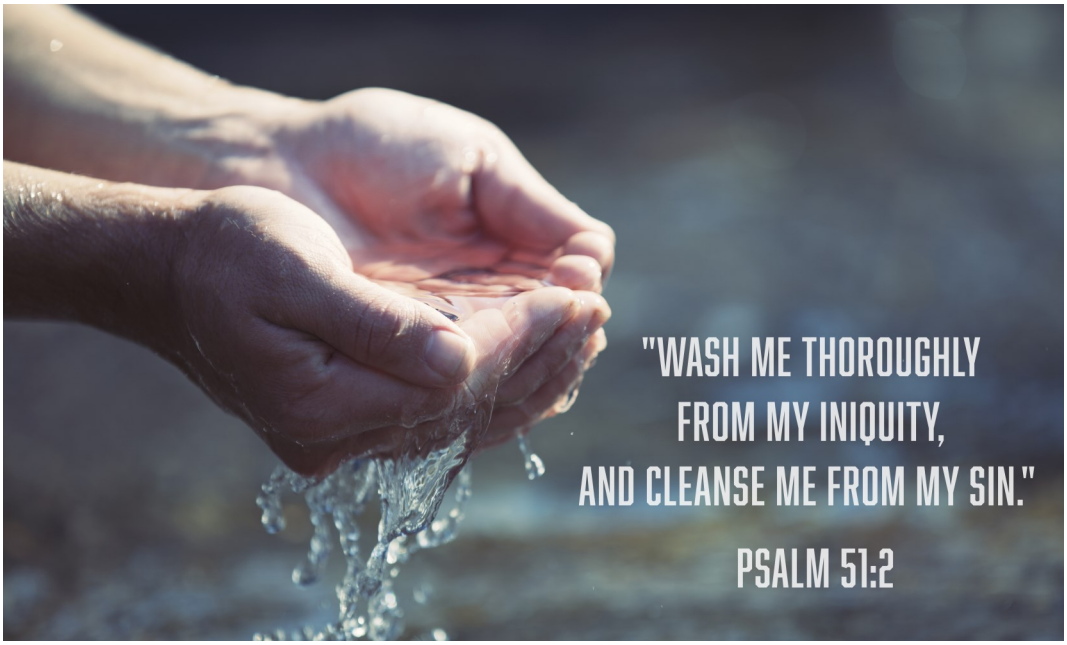
HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH




# Sunday, May 14, 2023
# Sixth Sunday of Easter

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)**

## - *Connecting you with Christ and Community* -

**Greeters:** Sonteary & Saron Keat, Sara Woodbury & Bob Ganse, Reist family, Carol & Peter Schreck
**Ushers:** Randy Heller, Leigh Shuman, Bob & Vickie Kutz

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Rebecca Hanna

**The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**
Mary Louise & John Wylie, in memory of their parents
Jane Hartin, in memory of her mother, Ann Wardlow

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

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 — Josh Witmer

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 51) — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: May your love and mercy pour down on us, O Lord,
**People: and cleanse us from every transgression.**
Leader: May your joy and gladness encourage us,
**People: and the power of your Spirit make us new.**
Leader: May your wisdom and truth convict us,
**People: and lead us in paths of righteousness.**
**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

* Opening Hymn #460 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

## Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51) — Will Massey

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great compassion blot out our offenses. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins, for we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments. Purge us from our sins, and we shall be pure. Wash us, and we shall be clean indeed. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 35:10) — Will Massey

Leader: Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven, whose mistakes have been wiped away by God's mercy and grace! So let's rejoice in God's unfailing love, which has set us free yet again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace

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.*

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| Choral Anthem | "Grace" | by Mark Hayes |
| Scripture Readings | 1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 51:1-12 | Rev. Dr. Bob Burns |
| Message | **"Praying Our Confession and Repentance"** | Rev. Allison Beaulieu |

## Responding to God's Word

* Hymn "Restore Us, O God"

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine,**
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Invitation to 40 Days of Prayer — Betty Price

Prayers of Thanksgiving, 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.**

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex*

## Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* Charge and Benediction — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

***Music:*** *Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director*
*Jonathan Lefever, organist*
*Highland Chancel Choir*
*Highland Bells, Daniel Droz, Director*
**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.*