HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10 (NIV)

- CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

Greeters: Joyce & Peter DeBarger, Chris & David King, Anita & Larry Ewing, Diane Loucks
Ushers: John & Gail Robinson, Gary & Sandy Cross, Nancy Holtzapple

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.

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 63) — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: God, you are our God.
People: We earnestly seek you.
Leader: We thirst for you, we long for you,
People: As in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
Leader: We have seen you in your sanctuary
People: And beheld your power and your glory.
Leader: Because your love is better than life,
People: Our lips will glorify you.
Leader: We will praise you as long as we live,
All: And in your name we will lift up our hands.

Introit "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" by F. Mendelssohn

* Opening Hymn #274 "O God of Earth and Space"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Out of the depths we cry to you, Lord. Please hear our voice. Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy. Living in frailty and weakness with adversity in our path, we too often buckle in despair. We doubt your goodness. We seek crutches of our own design aimed at comfort and relief, but which do nothing to heal or restore. In our pain, we deny the greater story that has been told and is being told by the resurrection of our Lord. Enable us to live with the power of the Spirit at work within us. Forgive us for our faltering faith in these momentary and fleeting troubles and forgetting the greater story of your resurrection life. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: The Psalmist writes: "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts, you teach me wisdom in the inmost 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." Praise the Lord, Jesus forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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.

Anthem — "Lacrymosa" — by W.A. Mozart

That day of tears and mourning,
when from the ashes shall arise
all humanity to be judged.
Spare us by your mercy, Lord,
gentle Lord Jesus,
grant them eternal rest. Amen.

Scripture Readings — Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10
Psalm 69:1-4, 13-18

Message — **"Praying Our Lament"** — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Words of Institution — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.

Distribution of Elements

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

Prayer After Communion — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the Narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn "As The Deer"

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in the miry depths,
where there is no foothold.
I have come into the deep waters;
the floods engulf me.
I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.
My eyes fail,
looking for my God.
Those who hate me without reason
outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause,
those who seek to destroy me.
I am forced to restore
what I did not steal.
But I pray to you, Lord,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.
Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
Come near and rescue me;
deliver me because of my foes.

Psalm 69:1-4, 13-18 (NIV)

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.