



Sunday, June 18, 2023

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

2 Peter 1:3-8 (MSG)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Sandy & John Wolfe, Lois Snyder, Denny Davish, Joan Alexander

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Leigh Shuman, Don & Kay Houghton, Crispina Giliberti

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Dr. & Mrs. William R.A. Boben in honor of George Boben Fenimore's high school graduation
Larry and Anita Ewing, in honor of their wedding anniversary

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Come away and rest for a while, to be fully present to God.

People: God walks with us in the midst of all we experience, loving us just as we are.

Leader: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. In that love we experience God's enduring faithfulness and peace.

All: We build on our faith foundation growing in good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness and generous love. As we continue to love others. we lift our voices in songs of praise. In gratitude we proclaim God's steadfast love for us! Let us worship the God of our salvation!

* Opening Song

"Build My Life"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 139)

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

God of all times and places, we confess that we wander after the false gods of this age. We do not live up to Your full expectation for our lives. We deny our need for You and focus our energies on things that squeeze the very life out of us. Loving God let us recognize Your presence with us, encouraging us to the abundant life You desire for each of us as we create more space for You! 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 promise of forgiveness is for everyone whom God calls. We seek to live God's truth, walk in God's ways, set our eyes on all God desires, and do God's will. 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

Will Massey

*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.*

Highland Praise Team

"First Things First"
(words on back page)

Scripture Readings

2 Peter 1:3-8

Message

"Putting First Things First: Creating Space for God "

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

God's Plan Seekers (GPS) Presentation

Diane, Loucks

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Diane Loucks

**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. Dr. Ann Osborne

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Sending Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Reprise

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Highland Praise Team

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
JEFF MARTIN AND HIGHLAND PRAISE TEAM
A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GARRETT KOLEDA, GUS BEAULIEU

First Things First

By Jordan David Ward / Caleb Paul Ward / Jake Hess / Grant Timothy Bia

All the things that I have held dear
The vanities that whispered in my ear
What would I do if they all disappeared

Riches and fame and all that they could buy
I've come to find they never satisfy
What would I gain if my soul's the price

I don't wanna love what the world loves
I don't wanna chase what the world does
I only want you
I only want you

First thing's first
I seek Your will
Not my own
Surrender all my wants to you
Keep the first thing first
To live Your truth
Walk Your ways
Set my eyes
Lord I fix my face on you
All my desires reversed
To keep the first thing first

I give it all
My life an offering
My heart is yours
So have Your way in me
Your kingdom's all I wanna seek

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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.