



Sunday, June 18, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31 (NRSV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Kristen & Matthew Bransby, Marty & Jack Hynd, Reist family, Donna Kiser

Ushers: Randy Heller, Bev Campbell, Robert & Johanna Gingher

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Virginia "Gine" Lancaster

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Jane Hartin, in memory of Steve Hartin and grandson Andrew Amspacher

Elizabeth Hess, in memory of her father James P. Reese

Julie and Don Houseal, in memory of son Bryant Andrew

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: In gracious love, God calls our names. We find refuge in God's shelter and protection.

People: We reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us. The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower everyone.

All: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent. When Christ is real to us, we revel in our discipleship. Let us worship God together.

* Opening Hymn #485

"To God Be The Glory"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Will Massey

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We want to keep Your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow Your direction, but it is hard to decide what is true. We deny Your gifts, ignoring Your inspiration and wander from Your healing presence. Yet You claim us; wherever we go, You are there. Strengthen us to do as You tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. Let us use the gifts You gift to us as we serve Your world. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Will Massey

Leader: We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as God beloved children. Lift up Your hearts! We are freed to live in God's new identity for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Will Massey

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.*

Vocal Solo

"Ich wil dir mein Herzes Schenken" by J.S. Bach

Abigail Martin

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31

Message

"Renewing The Gifts of the Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn #430

"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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

* Closing Hymn #403

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

* 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

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GARRETT KOLEDAL, GUS BEAULIEU

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
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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

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