



Sunday, July 23, 2023
Eight Sunday After Pentecost

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Trixi Ray, Kathy & Dan Missildine, Linda Edwards, Judy & Bruce Schmoyer

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Gary & Sandy Cross, John Herr, Nancy Holtzapple

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Peggy Wible, in memory Joe Wible

Donna Kiser, in memory of Wayne Kiser and Bonnie McKnight

Wendell Stockdale, in memory of Wendell Stockdale, Jr.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

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

Leader: There is no God besides God, whose care is for all people

People: God is the source of righteousness and strength

Leader: God has the power to act

People: But God leads with mercy

Leader: God has taught us that the righteous must be kind

All: God fills our children with hope, because of the forgiveness of sins. Let us worship God!

* Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

Proclaiming God's Word

Call to Confession

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Let us speak honestly about our sins. First we will pray silently, and then we will read the prayer of confession together.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you taught us about loving each other. Your son, Jesus Christ, showed us what that means when he became a humble servant. He accepted people for who they are, announced their forgiveness, and stood up for them when he needed to. We know that it is not loving to judge people, exclude them, or to make them feel like we are better than them. But we make those mistakes all the time, even when we don't mean to. Your grace is amazing, and helps us see everyone in a new way. Send your Spirit to open our hearts to all of your children. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we speak of our sin and the sin of the world, when we break the silence and stop covering it up, God is faithful to forgive our guilt. Thanks be to God! 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.*

Scripture Readings

1 Peter 4:8-11

West Virginia Mission Video

Message

"Serve Others"

West Virginia Mission Team

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

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

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Song

"Here I Am Lord"

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Highland Praise Band

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

HIGHLAND PRAISE BAND

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.