



Sunday, August 27, 2023

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:6-14 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Nancy & John Holtzapple, Glenda & Lewis Burross, Peggy & Dean Ehrhart, Phyllis Thompson

Ushers: Randy Heller, Eileen Flick, Joyce Shaffer, Linda Keener

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Lynn Christie Dawson, in memory of her mother Ann Goodwin

Bill DeLong, in memory of their parents

Rita Pickles, in memory of her mother Ruth Ward

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"

Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

arr. Chris McDonald

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.

GPS Presentation

* Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We come, trusting in God's mercy and love,

People: longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

Leader: We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—

People: to experience the joy of God's salvation.

All: Let us worship God!

* Opening Hymn #151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. Too often we think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. At times we exalt possessions and power when you alone are to be exalted. We allow conflicts to prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Please forgive us when we do these things. Transform us so that we can conform to the ways of Jesus and usher in your kingdom of peace and justice.

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 steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. 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 ages 4 and older are invited to REMAIN with their grown-ups in service, today. Activity bags are available in the gathering area of the children's classrooms. The nursery is open for infants through age three.

Anthem

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
arr. Chris McDonald

Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

Scripture Readings

Acts 1:6-14

Message

"Trusting God When The Plan Is Not Evident"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, 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. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn

"Just A Closer Walk"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

"Go Where I Send Thee"
arr. Michael Brown

Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GUS BEAULIEU, JOHN HOLTZAPPLE, JERRY ROTHACKER

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.