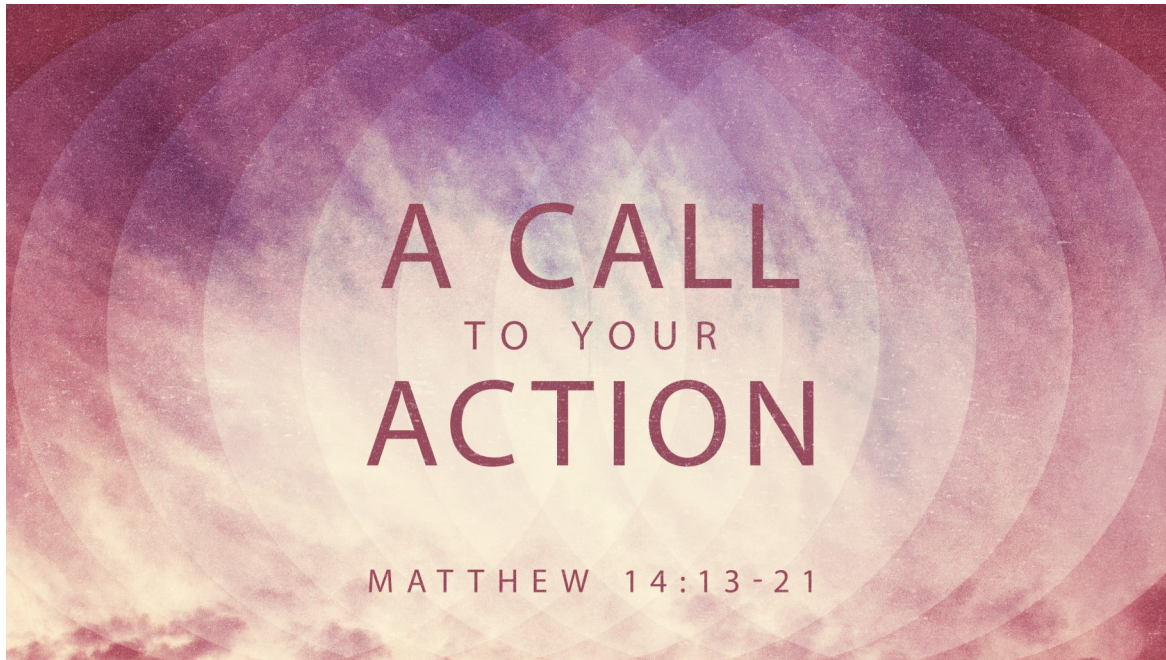




Sunday, August 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.”

But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.”

“All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said.

Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Matthew 14:13-21 (MSG)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Coralie Werking & Stan Jacobs, Joyce & Peter DeBarger, Reist family, Kim Buzzard, Sharon & Tom Kennedy

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Coleman Harris, Joyce Shaffer, Phyllis Thompson

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Harriet Weaver

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Ann Osborne, in honor of Ken & Ann's anniversary

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

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: We worship as we encounter the One who calls us here.

People: This Holy One, our God: is with us in every moment.

Leader: God is always with us – in celebration and joy and in our darkest nights..

People: Our Holy God blesses us and calls us by name.

All: Our Holy God touches us with the Spirit of Hope and we are blessed.

* Opening Hymn #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Will Massey

Here at the water's edge, God of Wholeness, we hesitate to draw near. All around us are people we have hurt, ridiculed, scorned, ignored. Across the water are the poor, homeless, the lost – all whom we treated as being beneath us. On the other bank is the cross we carry to follow Jesus. Before we can move forward, we must engage with You, receive the gifts You provide, be supported by others who love us as You do. We cannot give to others, if we have not engaged with You. Forgive us and reconcile us, to You and to others. Bless us, so we may be a blessing. Heal and nourish us with Your feast so we become the faithful disciples of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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: Here in the faces of other disciples of Jesus, we are met. Here face to face, God meets us. God challenges us, encourages us and accepts us. We are fed, nourished and given daily blessings and miracles. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: Here face to face with Jesus we meet the One who has great compassion for us, and who forgives us of every sin. 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 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 "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me" by: K. Lee Scott

Scripture Readings Matthew 14:13-21 Will Massey

Message "A Call To Your Action" Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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.**

Words of Institution Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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. Dr. Ann Osborne

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #521 (vs. 2,3,5) "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

* Congregational Response

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsel guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

* 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.