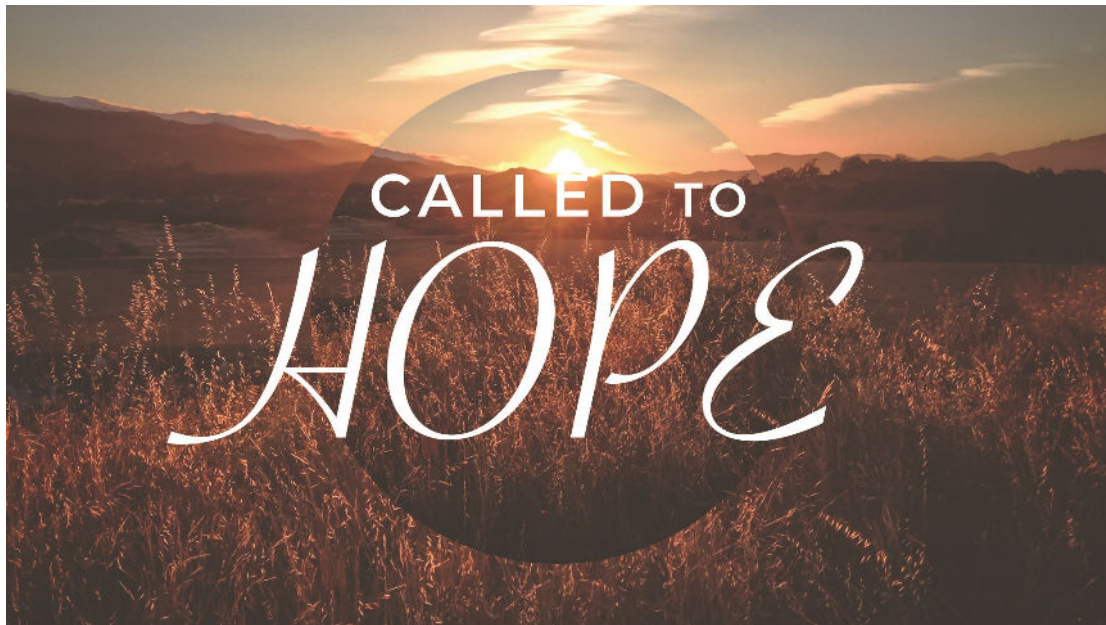




Sunday, November 26, 2023

Ingathering Sunday

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (NIV)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Margie & Dave Stumpt, Coralie Werking & Stan Jacobs, Kim Buzzard, Marion & David Drain

Ushers: Grant & Dean Schonour, Linda Keener, Sara Shank, Phyllis Thompson

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Larry & Juanita Fowler, in memory of their mothers

Jane Hartin, in memory of Steve Hartin

Vickie Kutz, in memory of Alice Goddard

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Bell Prelude

"We Gather Together"

arr. Douglas Wagner

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.

* Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever, with faithfulness to all generations.

* Opening Hymn #142

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

God of mercy and power, you have breathed life into us and provided for us. Into our broken hearts you have made a promise for the fullness of time. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and faithfulness to us. As we navigate the challenges of life, we lose sight of your promises. You have offered up your wisdom and power, on which we can build our lives. But we find ourselves clinging to lesser riches and pledging our allegiance to lesser powers. Forgive us, creator God. Pour out your Spirit on us once more, our companion for the journey as we strive towards your promises for the fullness of time. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: God offers grace freely through the Son whom He loves. We have been rescued through the blood of Christ, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on God's overflowing grace, which He poured over us with wisdom and understanding. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.

*At this time, children through 4th 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.*

Blessing of the Giving Tree Gifts

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Gianna Altdoerffer

Anthem

"Sing Out My Soul"

by Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Message

"Called To Hope"

Will Massey

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. Dr. Ann Osborne

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #145

"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Bell Postlude

"O Worship The King"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, 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.