



Sunday, June 16, 2024

Father's Day

We've been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less.

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

2 Corinthians 5: 5, 14-21 (The Message)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Denny Davish, Kim Buzzard, Sharon & Tom Kennedy, Joyce Shaffer, Joan Alexander

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Phil Smith, John Wolfe, Rachel Reist, Sara Shank

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Anita & Larry Ewing, in honor of their wedding anniversary

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Children ages 0 to 4 are welcome to attend our nursery during the service. Children ages 5 and above may use an activity bag from the Narthex during the service and return them afterward. Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 8th.

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.*

Minute for Mission

Local Mission

Lisa Murray

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: The church is the place where the broken gather:

People: Let us worship God who reconciles us to one another and to Triune God.

Leader: The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

People: Let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

Leader: The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:

People: Let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

*Song

"The Heart of Worship"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Will Massey

We confess, God of Faith, that we check out other people's pedigree to see if they are like us, while You look at where their heart is grounded. We focus upon another's good looks or athletic prowess, while You take notice of how they reach out to ones who are different. We envy other's outward signs of success, while You observe whether or not they have faith the size of the smallest seed.

Forgive us, Anointing God, for using human eyes to see people instead of recognizing them as created in Your image. As You shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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: No longer must we walk old paths of sin and death. Christ takes our old ways upon himself, filling us with God's new life. 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.

Special Music

"Oh My Soul"

Highland Praise Band

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:5, 14-21

Daniel Wang

Message

"Transformation is God's Work!"

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ken 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 Song

"O Come To The Altar"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Postlude

***PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

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.