



**Sunday, March 23, 2025**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

*Matthew 13:45-46 (niv)*

# *- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -*

**Greeters:** Judy Smith, Marion & David Drain, Wendy & Henry Hershey, Sandy & Tom Johnson

**Ushers:** Rita Summers, Mike Eyster, Chrispina Gilberti, Sara Shank, Rachel Reist, Harry & Eileen Flick

**The Chancel Flowers are presented by:**  
Coleman & Jean Harris in honor of their cousins and family.

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Handbell Prelude

"Pie Jesu" *G. Faure*

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*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: The Lord is our God, we seek the Lord with thirst in our souls.

**People: We seek the Lord as though we thirst in a land with no water.**

Leader: We look upon the face of Jesus in the sanctuary, beholding God's power and glory.

**People: The love of God is steadfast. It is better than life.**

Leader: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

**People: We lift our hands and our hearts, and call upon the name of the Lord.**

\*Opening Hymn #356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Children 5th grade and under 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.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we long to seek you with our whole heart and to dedicate ourselves to following Jesus. Yet we confess that so often we strive for other sources of value. We trust our own standards, and pursue treasures of this world and not of your kingdom. Forgive us for our reckless wandering. Turn our hearts and our thoughts to your kingdom, to our neighbors, and to the risen Christ. Amen.**

Congregational Response

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

**Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord**

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**And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,**

**And He shall lift you up.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Leader: Neither death nor life, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. People of God, believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Robert 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.**

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:45-46

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Message

**"The Pearl of Great Price"**

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**Responding to God's Word**

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Offertory Choral Anthem

"Jesus, Gentle Lamb" *arr. L. Larson*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**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.**

**Going in God's Name**

\*Closing Hymn #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

\*Benediction Response

**Lord, who throughout these forty days,**

**For us didst fast and pray,**

**Teach us with you to mourn our sins,**

**And close by Thee to stay.**

Handbell Postlude

"What Wondrous Love is This"

*arr. D. Wagner*

\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST  
DR. DANIEL DROZ, BELL CHOIR, DIRECTOR  
A/V: MARK ANDERSON & GUS BEAULIER*

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](http://www.HighlandPC.org)

*In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.*