



Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. *Psalm 104: 1-5, 10-12 niv*

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

Luke 13:18-19 niv

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

Greeters: Judy Berg, Amy & Adam Kane, Linda Edwards, Tom Stewart

Ushers: Michel Gibeault, David & Marion Drain, Trixi Ray, David Levens, Joan Alexander, Lois Snyder

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:
The Kellam Family in memory of Ron Kellam

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

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.

Minute for Mission

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Call to Worship

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Leader: On this Lenten journey, let us return to the Lord our God,

People: for God is gracious.

Leader: Let us confess to the Lord our God,

People: for God is merciful.

Leader: Let us repent to the Lord our God,

People: for God is slow to anger.

Leader: And finally, let us worship the Lord our God,

People: for God abounds in steadfast love.

*Opening Hymn #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

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.

Teacher Appreciation

Presentation for Jennifer Weitzel

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Merciful God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We confess to you today that we often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around us. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes. Helps us to grow in faithfulness and righteousness so that we might be formed into the likeness of your Son. Amen

Congregational Response

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. Ann Osborne

Leader: In the gospel of John, we read, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 104: 1-5, 10-12 & Luke 13:18-19

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message "The Kingdom In Your Own Backyard"

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Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Juanita Fowler

Offertory Hymn "If you Love Me" *John Ness Beck*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

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 What is the World Like ~ lyrics can be found on back of bulletin

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*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.

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

What is the World Like

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God move us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend.
Peace thrives in places where once there was none,
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night.
Tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts.
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts.
This is a new world where God's will is done.

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
KEN OSBORNE and MARK ANDERSON, A/V*

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.