



Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

And God said "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:1-2, 6-12 (*nrsv*)

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

Greeters: Robin & Matt Pammer, Pat & George Werner, Donna Kiser, Peggy and Dean Ehrhart

Ushers: John & Gail Robinson, Henry & Wendy Hershey, Phillis Thompson, Trixi Ray, Joan Alexander, Fred Brown

The Chancel Flowers are presented by Barry & Johnny Wood in honor of their newest great-grandchild, Elijah-Enoch Musango Nguea-Njoh.

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.

Minute for Mission ~ Terracycle

Rev. Matt Drumheller

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Praise God for mighty deeds, according to God's surpassing greatness.

People: Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp, with tambourine and dance, with strings and pipes and clanging cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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. Ken Osborne

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Ken Osborne

Creating God, we thirst for power and not for righteousness. We are quick to show our dominance but hide our dependence. We take what we want without thought of what we should give back. We see your creation as a resource and not a member of our community, part of the delicate balance of this world. Renew us, Lord. Transform our hearts and minds so that we might transform the world in which we live. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Ken Osborne

Leader: The God who creates in love has the power to heal, restore, renew, and resurrect. People of God, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ken Osborne

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

Genesis 1:1-2, 6-12

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Message

"Filled with Wonder"

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Hostetter

Offertory Anthem

"For the Beauty of the Earth" *J. Rutter*

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Hostetter

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Sarah Hostetter

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 #455 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER*

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.