



Sunday, July 6, 2025

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. *You* might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience.

Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

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

Greeters: Sonteary & Saron Keat , Robin & Matt Pammer , Cindy Eidam , Eileen & Harry Flick

Ushers: Leigh Shuman, David & Marion Drain, Sara Shank, Fred Brown, Joan Alexander, Phyllis Thompson

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

In memory of Allan E. Thompson Sr., by Phyllis Thompson

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Sing praises to our Lord, who heals us and makes us whole.

People: We faithfully praise God whose joy rises in our lives each day.

All: God's reign is near; God's peace resides in our hearts.

*Opening Hymn #482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Patient and loving God, You call to us yet we spend our energy doing things that often harm ourselves and others. Forgive our fear. Remind us that when we answer Your call, You will accompany us, as filled with Your gifts, we will be embraced by Your love, mercy and grace for our lives. Pour out Your Spirit of gentleness and strength as we serve others in our world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. People of God, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob 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.**

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: "God be with you here."

People: "God be with you there!"

Proclaiming God's Word

Song of Illumination	"Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Us"	
Scripture Reading	Galatians 6: 1- 10	Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
Sermon	"Living God's Way"	Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Matt Drumheller
Offertory	"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" by Tom Fettke	Highland Chancel Choir
Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Matt Drumheller
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Rev. Matt Drumheller
Prayers of Thanksgiving and the 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.**

Words of Institution		Rev. Matt Drumheller
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Distribution of Elements

*It our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as
the body of Christ.*

Prayer after Communion		Rev. Matt Drumheller
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Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #434	"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"	
*Charge & Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
Postlude		
	*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT	

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

How be encouraging as we connect with others.

Give high regard, great respect and favorable thoughts to the people you trust as friends and colleagues and let them know it!

Communicate more effectively by paying attention to how you say things. Start with praise.

Never confront others. Describe how together, you can make things better. Highly respect every audience making sure to talk at the other person's level. Never speak in a parental or authoritarian voice to get your message heard.

On every occasion, Be an encourager. Be specific in naming the gifts and graces the person possesses and how they touched you.

When others make a mistake, be quick to forgive and forget; releasing them from guilt and shame that could take root in one's heart if not dealt with quickly.

Be understanding. Ask intelligent questions to gain further insight. Accept what the speaker is sharing without judgement or condemnation. It is not necessary to answer at all -- decide to just be a listening ear.

Keep others' secrets. Never speak stuff that causes unnecessary hurt to others by speaking unclaimed rumors behind their back.

Share knowledge. Sharing helps us learn, discover, and understand things that are interesting. It has immediate application for our work, and life. It helps us grow and improves our daily conversations.

Stay humble. A mature person is secure in their standing without needing to make noise, treating everyone with tremendous respect, regardless of position.

Be positive! Positive thinking is explicit, definite and outspoken. It's contagious. Build up others with positivity, enabling them to be open for better things to come.

Laugh and Love – Use humor to defuse anger and conflict. Love and Care for others as you want to be cared for. The Golden Rule really does work!

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.

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