



Sunday, July 27, 2025

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSVUE

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

Greeters: Marilyn Sander, Linda Edwards, Mary Ellen Cantrell, Sandy & John Wolfe, Pat & George Werner

Ushers: Randy & Anita Heller, Bob & Vickie Kutz, Mike Eyster, Kay Houghton, Jennifer Funck

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Lee Heisey & Deb Peterson in honor of Polly Brooks, celebrating her 101st birthday on August 2nd

Vickie Kutz in memory of her father James S Goddard

Marilyn Sander in memory of Edward Sander

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

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

Minute for Ministry

Highland Performing Arts

Dr. Paul Thorlakson

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: **The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: **The One who loves us without end.**

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behavior is all that is needed to secure your love. We know we can neither earn nor deserve all that you have done for us. Help us to surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that we can center our lives in Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians—following Jesus even when that entails sacrifice and discomfort. Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul, may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord. 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: Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. People of God, believe the good news:

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

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Sermon

"Goal Tending"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Offertory

Total Praise
Highland Chancel Choir
by Richard Smallwood

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of the People 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**

Going in God's Name

*Hymn

In Christ Alone
by Keith Getty

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON

GUEST ORGANIST: TIM YODER

A/V: GUS BEAULIEU AND KEN OSBORNE

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