



Sunday, September 7, 2025

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

—Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NRSVUE)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

—Romans 8:28-30 (NRSVUE)

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

Greeters: Sheryll & Steve Waite, Shelby & Jack Snyder, Sandy & Tom Johnson, Denny Davish

Ushers: Donna Kinsey, Fred Brown, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Joan Alexander, Rachel Reist

Welcome Center Hosts: Kim Buzzard and Cindy Wimer

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:
Kay Houghton in memory of Don Houghton's birthday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude *Peace in the Valley* Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra
Listen to the Lamb

Welcome & Ministry Highlights Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Leader: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord!
People: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!
People: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God!

*Hymn #263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Back to School Blessing Sarah Hostetter

Silent Prayer of Confession Dr. Rev. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed—by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Rev. Ann Osborne
Leader: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." When we humbly confess our sins before God, we make space for the grace that claims us as God's forgiven sons and daughters. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace
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

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Romans 8:28-30 Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Sermon "The Bible Doesn't Say That Everything Happens for a Reason" Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross* Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution Rev. Matt Drumheller

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

Going in God's Name

*Hymn #467 *How Great Thou Art*

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Benediction Response

Postlude *When the Saints Go Marching In* Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER
A/V: GUS BEAULIEU AND KEN OSBORNE*

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.

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