



Sunday, October 5, 2025

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

— Matthew 7:1-5 (NRSVUE)

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

— Luke 18: 10-14 (NRSVUE)

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

Greeters: Betty & Dave Woodbury, Cindy Eidam, Kim Buzzard, Denny Davish, Robin Roach

Ushers: Leigh Shuman, Sara Shank, Fred Brown, Trixi Ray, Kay Houghton, Bill DeLong, Matt Allen

Welcome Center: Sara Royer and Anne Zell

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Etude in C Sharp Minor

arr. Scriabin

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: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

People: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy and steadfast love, O Lord, for they have been from of old.

People: Do not remember our sins; remember us according to your steadfast love.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; God instructs sinners in the way.

People: God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble the way.

*Hymn #171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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: 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 calls us 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

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.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading	Matthew 7:1-5, Luke 18:10-14	Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Sermon	The Bible Doesn't Say That: "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"	Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
Offertory	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	arr. Martin
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**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. Allison Beaulieu
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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. Allison Beaulieu
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Going in God's Name

*Hymn #372	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>
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*Charge and Benediction	Rev. Allison Beaulieu
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*Benediction Response

Organ Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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

World Communion Sunday

by Sarah Jackson

The table is wide, is wide, is wide,
broader than we who divide and hide
in our curated corners carved out in pride,
the table is wide, is wide, is wide.

The table is long, is long, is long,
longer than human history's song,
harmonies fractured and melodies wrong,
the table is long, is long, is long.

The table is full, is full, is full,
fuller than hearts led by grief's great pull,
rendering all of our scarcities null,
the table is full, is full, is full.

The table is here, is here, is here,
come we together in deepening cheer,
for though we are far, most truly, we're near,
the table is here, is here, is here.

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