

Created by **Nicolette Peñaranda**,
this artwork is inspired by **Ruth 1**.
For the artist's reflection on
this piece, see the cover of
the *Heartbeat*.



Sunday, August 2, 2026

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. **But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.**

So she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. **When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, “Is this Naomi?” She said to them, “Call me no longer Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”**

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

- Ruth 1:6-22 (NRSVUE)

Highland: A Place to be Seen, Known, & Loved

Greeters: Gale and Bill Kendall, Pam McCartney & Amy Roe, Betty & Bob Rishel, Darla & Jack McKim

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Carolyn & Daniel Danaker, Chrispina Giliberti, Randy Heller, Joyce Shaffer, Phyllis Thompson

Welcome Center: Jean Harris and Cindy Eidam

The chancel flowers are presented by:

Tom & Sandy Johnson — In honor of their family

John & Sandy Wolfe — In memory of their daughter, Sarah E. Sedlak

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Polly Brooks

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

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

*Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: In seasons of joy and in seasons of sorrow, God gathers us.

People: **We come with grateful hearts and weary hearts, trusting that God welcomes us all.**

Leader: When the road ahead seems uncertain, God walks beside us.

People: **When we feel forgotten, God remembers us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

People: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Merciful God, we confess that rather than turning to you, we set out to be brave on our own. We often take on the world's anxiety, which leaves us feeling empty and afraid. Lord help us to remember that your love is perfect. Strengthen us to love ourselves, those close to us, and those we overlook. Fill us with your abundant love until it overflows, through Jesus Christ our 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: Those who are in Christ are a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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.**

Baptism	Tindall Family	Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Apostle's Creed		Rev. Matt Drumheller
Hymn #492	<i>Baptized.in.Water</i>	

Children's Blessing		Rev. Allison Beaulieu
Leader:	God be with you here.	
People:	God be with you there.	

*At.this.time?children.are.invited.to.attend.Sunday.School;
Ages.6.to.0;Nursery.A..NKindergarten.-..0th.Grade;Nursery.B.*

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading	Ruth 1:6-22	Sarah Hostetter
Sermon	"More Than Mara"	Sarah Hostetter

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Matt Drumheller
Offertory Anthem	<i>Brahms.Intermezzo.Opj.77@Noj.8</i>	
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's.our.custom.at.Highland.to.eat.the.bread.upon.receiving.it?representing.your.individual.relationship.with.God;.However?please.hold.the.cup.until.all.are.served?representing.our.relationship.as.the.body.of.Christ;.(Note;The.bread.in.the.center.of.the.tray.is gluten-free);

Prayer After Communion		Rev. Allison Beaulieu
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Going in God's Name

*Hymn #298	<i>There's.a.Wideness.in.God's.Mercy</i>	
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*Charge and Benediction		Sarah Hostetter
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Postlude

\Please.stand.in.body.or.spirit



Music

Dr. Jeffrey Martin, Director of Music Ministry
Gus Beaulieu, Pianist

A/V

Jerry Rothacker

Prayer List

In Memory

The family of Polly Brooks

The family of Mary Pierce

The family of Guy Thompson

The family of Millie Wimer

The family of Carol Schreck

In Prayer

Daniel Droz

Robert Kutz

John Wolfe

Joanne Markley

Phyllis Miller

LCDR John Powers, MD, U.S. Navy

(Hoerner's son-in-law)

Judah Hess (friend of Joanna Roth)

June Good (mom of Doug Good)

Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)

The Hood family

Pastor on Call

August 2 - August 8

Rev. Matt Drumheller

If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastor or hospital visitor, please contact the church office;

View Our Online Services

Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on Sunday mornings. To view our online services, visit us at www.youtube.com/HighlandPresbyterian, or:

- Go to www.youtube.com and search **Highland Presbyterian Church**.
- Click the photo of Highland that appears at the top of the search results.
- On this page, you will find all of our weekly services by date.

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;

Giving

To give, you can:

- Mail your contributions to the church office.
- Go to www.highlandpc.org and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. The website will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
- Scan the QR code and it will take you to the online giving page of our website.



If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.

- 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.
- **Cellphones** 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;