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**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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**May 5, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

# THE LORD'S DAY

## *Order of Worship*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 5, 2024*

### *The Family of Believers Comes Together Responding to Christ's Call*

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

*(This worship service is being recorded from Prelude through the Prayer of Dedication)*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Ringing of Church Bell**

#### **The Church in Action Life in the Church**

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We light the candle of Christ today knowing that to care for others we need to see them. The light of Jesus helps us to see each other and beyond to the larger community.

#### **Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Friends, we know what God desires for us:

**That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

#### **\* Hymn**

“Come! Live in the Light”

Hymnal # 749

*(\* - Please stand as you are able)*

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside—the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones who are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Friends, there is a kindness in God's justice that hears out our confessions and liberates us to move forward, to build a new and better world. God's Word forgives and redeems us. God's Breath revitalizes us for the journey. Emboldened by this good news, let us share God's love with one another.

### **\*Congregational Response**

“Gloria Patri”

Hymnal #581

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, Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 27: 1-11

P. 146

**Anthem**

“When the Poor Ones”  
Chancel Choir

Olivar and Manzano

**Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering**

**\*Hymn** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” Hymnal #727

**Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 24: 17-22

P. 179

**New Testament Reading**

Acts 6: 1-7

P. 123

**Message** Uplift Those in Need Together: “Caring for Everyone”

**Affirmation of Faith** (Responsively) – *from* The Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.**

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

**We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ,**

(\* - Please stand as you are able)

**opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

### **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded, and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – 167 until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**           “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” Hymnal #761

### **Parting Greeting**

--Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM **One Book, One Presbytery** study on Zoom. Register at [www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org).

--Tuesday, 1:00 PM **Worship Commission** via Zoom.

--Wednesday, 6:30 PM **Study and Prayer; Choir Rehearsal** at 7:30 PM.

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--Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM **Teen Night: “Laser Tag”** in The Grove. Sign up at the following link—

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A48A4AD2DA3FA7-49107621-teen>

## **Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**      “Dona Nobis Pacem”

## **Postlude**

*The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Gloria Halsey.*

*The rose on the organ is in honor of Delilah Mae Meute, granddaughter of Ray and Nancy Meute.*

Thank You ~ to Savannah DeRan and Pete McCallum for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you Nancy Jones, Organist and Ian Fallon, Pianist for the wonderful music today ~all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

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Please e-mail Carolyn Patrinicola with all prayer-related **additions, changes & removals** by Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM to ensure that they will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Names under Intercessions will be removed after 3 weeks unless otherwise instructed by email. Email for Carolyn Patrinicola is [cwpat64@gmail.com](mailto:cwpat64@gmail.com).

## *From the Deacons...*

The Deacons are organizing a Meal Train page for Stu and Heidi Richardson and their family living with them. The Richardsons have been facing long-term health issues for some time, and a weekly meal would be helpful and much appreciated by them. Please use the link below to sign up if you would like to bless them by participating. If you have questions or need help delivering a meal, please contact Mary Beverly Gallagher at (410) 937-2500, or [dartfrog999@gmail.com](mailto:dartfrog999@gmail.com).

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/R44V7L>

For those without access to a computer, please contact Koren Buehler at (410) 937-9172 to sign up. Maybe consider teaming up with someone else to make it easier!

**\*\*National Suicide Prevention Hotline –  
1-800-273-8255\*\* or Dial 988**

**Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.**

### *Our Tithes and Offerings*

You can now give to Highland electronically through our **secure e-Giving** option provided through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. You can set up a giving profile (which will save your giving information if you wish) to either give a one-time gift or to make regular giving easy.

Click "Give Now" above (also posted on Highland's website) or you can scan the QR code at the bottom with your smart phone to set up your profile and begin giving electronically today!

As always, you may make your contribution to the Church via check. If you are giving to a certain fund, please designate on your check and/or giving envelope the amount given to each fund.

*Thank you for your prayers & continued financial support of  
Highland Church!*



# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

Birth of Delilah Mae Meute, daughter of Caleb and Molly, sister of Gideon  
2024 spring graduates  
All mothers  
May birthdays

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+Jean Bullen  
+Scarlett Dodge (Stacey Scarff)  
+Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)  
Paul Braddock (Donna Noble)  
Art Noble (Donna Noble)  
Ed Weiland (FIL of Ryan) (Pete McCallum)  
Family/friends of Eva Plude (C. Patrinicola)

## **LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:**

Susan Thompson (David Thompson)  
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)  
Linda Zirkle (Patrinicolas)  
Bobbi Jo Ayres (Debbie Ayres)  
Dana Meute (Meutes)  
Dave DeRan (Craig)  
Lisa Deganhardt (Nancy Carver)  
Jeannie Rainey (Donna Noble)  
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly)  
Deb Degan (Martha D.)  
Paul (Ian)  
Charlie and JoAnn Oliver  
Margaret (sister of Elaine & Sandy)  
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)  
Connie Rutherford (Doss)  
Anne Giordano (Nancy M.)  
Joe and Bobbi Lynne Skidmore (Craig)  
Laurie Faulkner (Nancy Jones)  
Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)  
Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)  
Heidi and Stu Richardson  
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)  
Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)  
Sharan Deinlein (Mary Thompson)

Jewel Sams (Doss)  
Patrick Volker (Claudia)  
Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)  
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)  
Roger Woods (Norma T.)

## **MINISTRIES:**

Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv.  
Susquehanna Parish - Bethel Presbyterian  
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team  
Local - All Outreach Ministries  
Missions-Ihanktonwan Mission

## **OUR MILITARY:**

Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves  
Peter Barndt, AD, USN  
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – AD, Alaska

## **COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD**

### **CONCERNS:**

+Praise God for Congress aid approval for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan, etc.  
+Victims & infrastructure from severe tornado outbreaks  
+Victims of severe U.S. weather  
+Election issues  
+College protests – peaceful resolution and preservation of rights  
Current & long-term Key Bridge/Port restoration  
Gaza war – resolution and hostage return