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June 11, 2023

10:00 AM

THE LORD'S DAY

Order of Worship

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 11, 2023

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 Special Music)

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The flame that burns on the Christ candle signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit kindles our faith.

Call to Worship (Responsively) — *(Based on Psalm 33: 1-5)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

Sing to God a new song!

For the word of the Lord is upright,

And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Our God loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

***Hymn** "To Abraham and Sarah"

Hymnal #51

***Invitation to Confession**

God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

(- Please stand as you are able)*

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, “Why?” “Why them?” “Even them?!” We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness (Responsively)**

When the woman touched Jesus’ cloak, he told her, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***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

Genesis 12: 1-9

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Epistle Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

P. 155

Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

***Hymn “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”**

Hymnal #59

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Reading and Proclamation of the Word
Learning God's Ways

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

P. 9

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God to all who live.

Thanks be to God.

Message “Fully Convinced”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) –*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

We believe in Jesus Christ, the realization of true humanity. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. Expressing God's love in word and deed, he became a friend to sinners, and a refuge for those cast aside. Many rejected him and demanded his death, but he gave himself freely, with mercy and love. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, conquering death for all people. In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word.

Invitation to the Offering

God comes to us in grace; we respond in gratitude. Let us return to God
a portion of what we have received.

Offertory

(* - Please stand as you are able)

Doxology

Hymnal

#606

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for your work in the world until “your kingdom come.”

Amen.

Choir Anthem “Jubilate Fanfare” Andy Beck

Chancel Choir

The Church in Action

Life in the Church

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymnal #838

Parting Greeting

--Tuesday, 6:30 PM **Session** Meeting in end room of Sunday school wing.

--Thursday, 5-7 PM **Visitation** with family of Joyce Lilly in sanctuary.

--Friday, 10:30 AM **Memorial Service** for Joyce Lilly in sanctuary.

--Next Sunday, **Pancake Breakfast** in honor of the men of the church.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

(* - Please stand as you are able)

*Various portions of our worship liturgy regularly come from - “Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids 2022, Year C,” & “Rev-o-lution Resources” by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and The Rev. Teri McDowell Ott., The Presbyterian Outlook.

Thank You ~ to Alex Fallon, Jacob Fallon, and Pete McCallum for serving as our Worship Assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Stacy Scarff, Music Director, Nancy Jones, Organist, Ian Fallon, Pianist, and our Chancel Choir for sharing their special music today ~ all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

Trustee on Duty – Donald Jones

(- Please stand as you are able)*

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.

<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!*



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Prayer List

* - Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING TO:

Book donations
Lovely weather each Sunday
The gift of Eden Mill, for outdoor events
June birthdays

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

*Allen Roth's grandchild (age 10)
*Frank Fair & George Liptrap (Dolly)
*Mary Beverly Gallagher (herself)
*Luka (Savannah T)
Gavin Jones (Sherry)
Lynne Carlson
Family of Joyce Lilly
Family of Sarah Bance (McCallums)
Austin Miller
Patrick Volker (Claudia)
Family of Rev. John Condro (Ian)
Renee Moore (Chelsea Moore)
Family of Allen Adams (Dolly)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED

*Kim Kron (Claudia)
*Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)
*David Crawl (Marilyn T.)
*Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)
Bill Summerfield (brother of Steve S.)
Pat Scarborough (Claudia Scarborough)
John Dart (Betsy McElwain)
Deb Degan (Durands)
Gavin Jones (Sherry F.)
Lynne Carlson (Jack Carlson)
Kathy Watson (Kathy)
Anne Giordano (Nancy M.)

Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)
Heidi and Stu Richardson
Joe Skidmore (Steve Taylor)
Richard Wilmoth III (Wilson)
Bud Amos
Wallace Wilson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Sharan Deinlein (Mary Thompson)
Amy Kraft & daughter (Doss)
 Jewel Sams (Doss)
Evelyn Moessinger
Thelma Galbreath
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)

MINISTRIES

United Methodist Churches—discernment
Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv
Susquehanna Parish - Bethel Presbyterian
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg Team
Missions-Pine Ridge Reservation & Porcupine
Local - All Outreach Ministries

OUR MILITARY

Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – Alaska

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD CONCERNS

Local and all United Methodist Churches
Blessed growth for Highland's new trees
Rain needed in region
Ethnic tensions in Kosovo
Sudan civil war
Victims/loved ones of all acts of Violence
All Care-givers
Russian missile attacks on civilians in Ukraine

◆◆ Please email 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.

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