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**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

**June 25, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Order of Worship**

*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*June 25, 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** – “Goodness of God” (Ingram/Johnson)

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Today we light the Christ candle trusting that it will burn brightly so that all can see through the storms of life. May the flame of Christ be like a lighthouse for all.

**Call to Worship** (Responsively)

God calls us from the noise and busyness of our lives to pause and listen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God calls us here into this gathered community, to give thanks, to offer praise, to be challenged.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Gather us into your presence, open our hearts and our minds, and give us the willingness to be transformed by your Word.

**Come, Holy God. We are waiting, we are listening, we are ready!**

**\*Hymn** “Morning Has Broken”

Hymnal #664

**\*Invitation to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in him,  
we dare to approach God with confidence.

(\* - Please stand as you are able)

**\*Prayer of Confession (Responsively)**

Creator God, you made us in your image, full of wonder and courage and compassion, yet we have forgotten these gifts.

**Forgive us, God, and make us whole.**

Instead of living boldly, we allow fear of rejection or failure to limit us and our church.

**Forgive us, God, and make us whole.**

We yearn for your love, yet we don't want to listen when you call us from places of comfort to places of challenge.

**Forgive us, God, and make us whole.**

Have mercy on us, O God. Make us mindful of the gift of your creation, and give us courage to serve you in all that we do.

**Amen.**

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

**\*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**

Job 38:1-11

P. 484

**Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering**

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 9:9-20

P. 493

**Reading and Proclamation of the Word**

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# Learning God's Ways

## Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

P. 39

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

### Invitation to the Offering—*Romans 12:1*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### Offertory – “How Great is Our God” (Tomlin)

### Doxology

Hymnal #606

### Prayer of Dedication

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Special Music - “I Am Free”

(Harry Offutt / Phoenix Hoppe)

### The Church in Action

#### Life in the Church

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## **Prayers of the People**

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

**Hymn**

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

Hymnal #432

## **Parting Greeting**

--A warm Highland **welcome to The Rev. Kate Foster**. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, she served churches in Memphis, TN and Baltimore before becoming founding Director of The Center, the Presbytery of Baltimore's local community engagement ministry. She served in that role for 11 years, and in 2022 left to become the Mid-Atlantic Director of Trail Development for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. She has two college-aged daughters, and in her spare time enjoys hiking, gardening, and cooking for friends and family.

--Pastor Ray is on vacation until July 9. If you have need of spiritual care please call Clerk of Session, Pete McCallum (443-987-4612) and he will mobilize our elders. He will also be able to engage our Pastor Emeritus, Bill Netting, for an emergency need.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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\*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 Lorel Thompson and Martha Durand for serving as our Worship Assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist, and special guests Harry Offutt and Phoenix Hoppe for sharing their special music today ~ all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

**Trustee on Duty – Donald Jones**

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## *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!*



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## Prayer List

\* - Denotes New Addition

### **THANKSGIVING TO:**

Mindy Muete's Wedding  
Juneteenth Celebrations  
June birthdays

### **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

\*Kelly Edwards (Dolly)  
\*Bob & Barbara Hart (Pastor Ray)  
\*Family of Anne Winn (Jim Galbreath)  
\*Family of Fran Elwood (Diana Wells)  
\*Amy Riale. (Diana Wells)  
\*Gary Scarborough (Dolly)  
Stiletto family (Dolly)  
Glenn Kern (Dolly)  
George Liptrap (Dolly)  
Family of Sarah Bance (McCallums)  
Allen Roth's grandchild (age 10)  
Family of Joyce Lilly  
Mary Beverly Gallagher (herself)  
Renee Moore (Chelsea Moore)  
Luka (Savannah T)  
Allegrini family (Ian)  
Teresa House (Elizabeth. Smith-Ensor)  
Bobby Lloyd (Craig D.)

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

Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)  
Kim Kron (Claudia)  
Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)  
Bill Summerfield (brother of Steve S.)  
Pat Scarborough (Claudia Scarborough)  
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)  
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)  
Patrick Volker (Claudia)  
Thelma Galbreath

### **MINISTRIES**

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

### **OUR MILITARY**

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

### **COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD CONCERNS**

\*Extreme weather in U.S. south/hurricane season  
\*Peace & wisdom in U.S./world  
Counter offensive in Ukraine  
Control of Canadian fires  
Local and all United Methodist Churches  
Rain needed in region  
Ethnic tensions in Kosovo  
Sudan civil war  
Victims/loved ones of all acts of Violence  
All Care-givers

◆◆ **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](mailto:cwpat64@gmail.com).

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