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## **HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Share God's Hope*

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**April 19, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

## ***Order of Worship***

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 2026*

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

#### **A Word of Encouragement**

*“Giving thanks today for the compassionate people; the lovers, helpers, givers, and healers, who see more than just themselves, who move through the world with open hands and not closed fists. Thank you. Keep going. It matters.”*

John Pavlovitz

#### **Prelude**

#### **Ringling of Church Bell**

#### **Life in the Church**

#### **The Church in Action**

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle – Based on Isaiah 51:6**

A spark is always available to provide flame. This is an eternal truth. Isaiah wrote another eternal fact; “God’s salvation will be forever...my deliverance will never be ended.”

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

Come, let us walk with one another as the disciples did. Let us journey together as we tell God’s story in song and proclamation.

**Let us ponder what we have seen and heard, what we know to be true, and what we hope beyond hope is real.**

Let us walk, that our minds might be clear, our hearts open, and our spirits renewed.

**Behold, God journeys with us; Jesus walks beside us. May the Spirit give us eyes to see the risen Christ:**

**Here and everywhere, now and always. Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn**      “Now Thank We All Our God”      Hymnal #643

**\*Call to Confession**

1 Peter 1:21 says, “Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.”

It is because of our trust in the resurrection that each week we confess together the ways our faith and hope have not been set on God. When we confess, we name our sins and commit to turn toward the life God calls us into again. With that in mind we join our voices praying together.

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

**Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction.**

**Transform our hearts so that instead of being hardened toward you, neighbor, and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness (Responsively)**

In Acts 2:39, Peter says: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Receive the good news, Children of God, you 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.**

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 34: 1-10

P. 508

**Anthem**

"Forever Praise"

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

**Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering**

**\* Hymn "What Shall I Render to the Lord"**

Hymnal #655

**Prophetic Reading**

Isaiah 51: 1-6

P. 681

## Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 13-35

P. 90

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Message

“Hearts Burning Within”

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) – *The Confession of Belhar*

**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; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

**That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

## Invitation to the Offering

Just as those who walked the road to Emmaus with the risen Christ, we too want to tell of our encounters with Jesus. One way we tell those stories is to share the gifts we have been given by God. Gifts of

time, talent, and treasure. Gifts that demonstrate the transformation we have experienced in Christ.

With hearts filled with love, let us give generously.

## **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

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

Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Hymn**      "Thine is the Glory"

Hymnal #238

### **Parting Greeting**

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

--Friday, 7:30 AM **Men's Breakfast** at Delta Family Restaurant.

## **Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

## **Postlude**

Thank you – to Garrett Scarff and Jenny Lijoi for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; and Stacey Scarff, Director of Music, for the wonderful music today – all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

The **Rev. Melissa McDade** is a retired United Methodist pastor, who served over 30 years in Northern Harford County. She is a graduate of Hereford High School, Dickinson College, and Wesley Seminary. She is married to Tom Sullivan, mother of three daughters, and grandmother of six grandsons. She loves filling in for pastors, knowing how difficult it is to find someone who can do that. Plus, it's fun to worship in different congregations and meet new people!

### **Highland Happenings**

#### **Mason Dixon Food Bank**

Mason Dixon Community Services is requesting jam, jelly, and instant oatmeal this week. Last week, Highland donated 15 pounds of food and 5.5 pounds of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other toiletries. Please continue to help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

#### **Pastoral Study Hours**

Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, with exceptions. It is always best to make an appointment.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Greeters/Coffee Hour – please sign up at the table near the coffee area if you would like to be a greeter before church or if you would like to provide snacks and coffee after church.

Sanctuary Flowers – please sign up on the board outside the sanctuary if you would like to provide flowers.

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

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

# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

Safe trip around the moon – Artemis II

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+Pastor Ray & Nancy Meute/Nobel family (The Congregation)

Family of Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)

Laurie Falkner (Claudia Scarborough)

Ken Horn (Kathy Watson)

Pat Allingham (Pastor Ray)

Heidi Richardson (Stu Richardson)

Caleb Evans (Stacey Scarff)

Chris (Ian Fallon)

Jennifer Lilly (Becky Gray)

Nettie Fisher (Jean Bullen)

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

Jimmy Galbreath (Nancy Jones)

Art Noble (Donna Noble)

Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)

Helene Mackey (Pastor Ray)

Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)

Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)

Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)

Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)

Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)

Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)

Grace Christman

Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)

Mike Mills (Wilson)

Molly & Sisters (Rose)

Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)

Michael Yarrington (Amos family)

Paul (Ian Fallon)

Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)

Frank Thayer (Dolly)

Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)

Heidi and Stu Richardson

Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)

Tom Bulleit (Eley Welkner)

Joy Merryman (Nancy Jones)

## **MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:**

Baltimore-Dakota Partnership Mission

All people & their loved ones suffering from addictions and outcomes

Presbytery of Baltimore

Susquehanna Parish – Good Shepherd

Presbyterian

All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team

Local Mission – Mason-Dixon Community Service Centers, Inc.

## **OUR MILITARY:**

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

Bradley Lim and Aaron Macy, USAF

## **COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:**

All nations refraining from genocidal threats and actions

End to the War in the Middle East

Children, elderly, and disabled people without S.N.A.P. support

Justice and the rule of law

Families suffering from loss of federal and medical assistance

Economic uncertainty

Truth to guide all world, national & local events

Peaceful & just end to Russian invasion of Ukraine

Immigrants and US citizens being deported and families being separated

Comfort to those living in fear

World Council of Church Prayer Cycle: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine