



Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt and Beth Redman, 2002

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
And blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name!”

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

Be Thou My Vision/Keeper of My Heart

Ancient Irish poem, tr. by Mary Byrne, 1905
Trad. Irish melody, arr. Lori Morrison, 2010

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou, my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Lover of my soul, Keeper of my heart,
You have made me whole; Lord of all you are,
O Keeper of my heart.

The Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord!
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and praise him
with music and song.

People: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and praise him with music and song.

from Psalm 95

The Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for e'er we adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Revelation Song

Words and music: Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Holy, holy is he;
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing,
“Praise to the King of kings!
You are my ev'rything and I will adore you.”

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To you, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of your Name;
Jesus, your name is power,
Breath and living water;
Such a marvelous mystery!

The Morning Prayer

We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering boxes are available at the Welcome Desk, on either side of the main sanctuary entrance, and outside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit highlandspca.org or follow the QR code on the back page.

Offertory: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851

Music: Fernando Ortega, 2006

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity!

Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
Who dies eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time. ;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity!

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

“Looking Up, Going Up!”

The Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

We Are Sent Forth

The Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers' meetings tonight: The Diaconate will meet at 5:30 and the Session at 7:00. Both meetings will be held via Zoom.

Congregational singing returns today: All those who wish to participate in singing, the call to worship, and responsive readings are strongly encouraged to wear masks to ensure the safety of themselves and others.

Midweek@Highlands continues: We will offer a nursery and programs for children and youth. There are three different classes for adults; visit highlandspca.org/midweek for more info. A boxed dinner will be served in the Atrium beginning at 5:15; classes will be held from 6 until 7 p.m. You will need to reserve and pay for your meal in advance; please visit highlandspca.org.

Women's Bible studies begin this week. More info at highlandspca.org/women.

Comfort and joy: Help us spread both by becoming a member of our Greeting Team! Our greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 and 8:40 at the early service or between 10:35 and 11:00. Please [sign up to serve](#), either as a couple or as an individual during one or more of the coming Sundays. Your ministry to our members, regular attenders, and visitors will be a blessing to all!

Save the Date! Women's Fall Event - October 4, 5-7 p.m. Barbara Martin will be our speaker.

Look for the following in your email inbox, on our Facebook page, or on our website:

- On Thursday: a video message from our senior pastor, Joseph Wheat
- On Friday: a video from our music director, Mike Murphy

Monthly on the first Tuesday: *First Things First*, a series of informative and thought-provoking articles written by our regular teachers. You may access the previous articles at highlandspca.org/ministries/firstthingsfirst.

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GENERAL FUND GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Regular monthly giving fuels the ministries at Highlands. You may place your offering in one of the wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, and at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at highlandspca.org. There is also a QR code on the back cover of the bulletin that links directly to our online giving page.

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| General Fund Budget 2020 | \$2,171,000 |
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SERMON NOTES

“Looking Up, Going Up!”

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Psalm 121

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