



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**October 18, 2020**  
8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## Gathering Song

### Mercy in the Wilderness

Words and music: Steve Camp, 1994

Ev'ry day that I walk with you,  
You break my pride and you make me new;  
Though my faith is tried, this I know is true:  
There is mercy in the wilderness.  
Though my faith is tried, this I know is true:  
There is mercy in the wilderness.

Through the valley deep and the mountain high,  
You have been my strength and your Word my guide.  
I have known your grace through the tears I've cried;  
There is mercy in the wilderness.  
I have known your grace through the tears I've cried;  
There is mercy in the wilderness.

Oh, the chastening of my Father's hand  
Yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness;  
Though our hope is born in sorrow, there'll be joy at last:  
There is mercy in the wilderness.  
Though our hope is born in sorrow, there'll be joy at last:  
There is mercy in the wilderness.

So I thank you, Lord, for my ev'ry trial,  
The Father's love proves me as his child;  
Your faithfulness will ever be my help and guide;  
There is mercy in the wilderness.  
Your faithfulness will ever be my help and guide;  
There is mercy in the wilderness.

# Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

### We Fall Down

Words and music: Chris Tomlin, 1998

We fall down,  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus,  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy!”  
We cry, “Holy, holy, holy!”  
We cry, “Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lamb!”

## The Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.

**People:** God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD - with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Pastor:** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth.  
Sing praises with a psalm!

From Psalm 47, ESV

# The Opening Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Words: Charles Wesley, 1746

Music: John Darwell, 1770

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart!  
Lift up your voice, rejoice,  
Again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above.

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home.

# The Morning Prayer

O Christ,

All your ways of mercy lead to my delight. You wept, sorrowed and suffered - that I might rejoice! You sent Comforter, multiplied your promises, have shown me my future happiness, and have given me a living fountain. You are preparing joy for me. I pray for joy, wait for joy, long for joy. Give me more than I can hold, desire, or think of. Give me joy in my daily life. When I weep at night, give me joy in the morning. Let me rest in the thought of your love, pardon for sin, abiding presence, and my future blissful state. I am an unworthy recipient of thy grace. I often faith to esteem your blood. I have a way of slighting your love. Let me in repentance - draw water from the wells of your joyful forgiveness.

For there is no joy like the joy of heaven:  
O healthy place where none are sick!  
O happy land where all are kings!  
O holy assembly where all are priests!  
O place of freedom where none are servants, except to you.  
O give me your joy!  
O bring me speedily to that land of joy.

From *The Valley of Vision*, a Collection of Puritan Prayers

## 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](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on the back page.***

**Offertory:** Psalm 126

Words: Psalm 126

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

Music: Isaac Wardell, 2012

Although we are weeping,  
Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of your kingdom  
For the day you will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry;  
Lord, please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us O Lord!  
Restore us O Lord!

# The Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

INTO THE HEART OF GOD: THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS

“Time to Laugh”

## The Closing Hymn

Shout to the Lord

Words and music: Darlene Zschech, 1993

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you!  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have,

## We Are Sent Forth

The Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting today immediately following the 10:50 service:** This is our regular, required annual meeting held for the purpose of electing corporate officers (trustees). There will also be an update on church ministries.

**Midweek@Highlands continues:** We offer a nursery and programs for children and youth. There are three different classes for adults; visit [highlandspca.org/midweek](http://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 follow [this link](#) to do so. This week's menu: Taco Wednesday, including tortillas, Mexican rice and black beans. Kids' meal: hamburger sliders, fries, cookies.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, October 25:** After a lengthy drought due to COVID, we will return to the table to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Morning Worship (both services) on October 25. Our officers and staff have carefully planned the preparation and serving of the elements in a manner that protects those receiving them, yet allows for a time of quiet worship and prayer while they are being served. Please watch [this video](#) for a detailed look at our preparation and serving protocols. We hope you will join us on the 25th for this special time.

**Reformation Celebration next Sunday, October 25 from 5:00-6:30p.m.** Come join us outdoors on Sunday evening, October 25, for our Reformation Celebration! We'll enjoy live music and Calvin's BBQ. Adults and children—Dress up in your favorite costume for our costume contest. Outdoor games will include a Space Jump Obstacle Course, Mini-golf, Guessing Jars and Lawn Bowling. Children will receive goody bags with prizes and candy!

**Faith Promise for Global Missions:** Back in the Spring, Highlands celebrated our annual Missions Festival with the theme "BEYOND." We were challenged to grow and move forward beyond our shores as we support reaching together "to the ends of the earth." Like so many things, our efforts were cut short due to the COVID pandemic, so we would ask again for you to consider a Faith Promise Commitment to Highlands by giving [online](#) or by check (for either, please designate "Missions - Faith Promise"). Our missionaries have been negatively affected by this pandemic through declining support, being unable to return to their mission field or confined to their homes overseas where countries are locked down and healthcare resources are stretched. Please join us to continue the strong support we have been able to provide for our global missionaries.

**Put on your mask and say "Hi!"** 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!

# Youth Ministry

Visitors please join us in anything you see below.  
The youth building is behind the church (we call it "The U").

## All Youth

All weekly events are outdoors or indoors with masks and social distancing.

- **Small Groups:** Tonight, 5-7pm
  - \* Dinner is served on The U deck
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays, 5:15-7:15
  - \* Dinner is served in the atrium

## JrHi

Fall Retreat: November 21

Go to [hpcym.org](http://hpcym.org) for the full youth calendar and other important information!

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## HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### GENERAL FUND GIVING THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 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](http://highlandspca.org). There is also a QR code on the back cover of the bulletin that links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget 2020	\$2,171,000
General Fund Giving received through 10/11/20	\$1,359,922
Needed to meet budget	\$ 811,078

The last quarter of the year is particularly important for our budget, as we receive over 40% of our annual giving during the months of October through December.

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