

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

We are God's work of art— each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

**We are God's handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

We are the Church of Jesus Christ — diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We are the Body of Christ — living in Christ's truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more to whom we belong and what our lives are about.

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working *in* and *among* us.**

*(inspired by Psalm 139, Jeremiah 18, I Corinthians 12)*

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett, Keith Whitehead

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade may stand for a blessing before heading upstairs for Sunday School.)*

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

### MESSAGE

**WINDOWS OF HEAVEN**

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JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

### BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.



**Word Warriors women's Bible study** meets weekly on **Fridays, at 10am** in room 109. Join them for conversation and community. Contact Linda Malloy for info 859-750-6574.

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**Graduate Recognition Sunday is coming on May 21.** On this special Sunday, HUMC will recognize the accomplishments of our graduates during worship. Help us make sure that your graduate's work is acknowledged by [filling out the brief form](#) on the HUMC website.

**After over 11 years of devoted ministry, Vera Lohner, our Director of Children's Ministry, is moving on *into a new season of her life*.** Vera has poured a lot of love into the lives of literally hundreds of children. We are sad to see her go, yet rejoice in the new opportunities that lie ahead for her. **We will celebrate Vera TODAY with a reception after each worship service: at 10:30 and at noon.**



**We will be having a Church Conference next Sunday, April 30 at 5:00pm in the sanctuary.** Shannon Boaz, the District Superintendent of the Northern Kentucky District, will be presiding. This is for the purpose of selling the Tudor House. Though only members of the church may vote, this is not a closed meeting.

The Highland Methodist Community is invited to join us for our **annual Spring Grill Out on Wednesday, May 3, starting at 5:30 on the plaza** for an evening of great food, friends, and games to celebrate another year of wonderful Wednesday night programming. Suggested donation of \$6 per person or \$20 per family.



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**PRELUDE** Air and Gavotte Samuel Wesley

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**HYMN #277\*** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

**MORNING LITANY\***

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**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** Thy Kingdom Come Flor Peeters

**DOXOLOGY\***

**CHORAL ANTHEM** All Praise to You We Sing Susan K. Fair

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 10:13-16

**MESSAGE** **WINDOWS OF HEAVEN** Rev. John W. Bowling  
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**HYMN #191\*** Jesus Loves Me

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE** Christ is Risen Johann K. Fischer

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH



April's *Grow Kids!* **Sunday School** theme for the month is "Rise & Shine," a five-week series on Jesus' death and resurrection. **Nursery** care is available for infants through 3 years.

Children's Volunteer Team continues the fun on **Wednesday nights** as we enter the Spring season. We will blend fun and learning about the Bible. Invite friends to "Welcome Wednesday" at 6:30 through April 26.



## Youth Activities this week for 6th –12th graders:

- ◆ Youth group **tonight 6-8pm** —**The Youth Ministry needs your help to provide dinner for Sunday evening youth.** It's simple to sign up using the QR code here and provide a meal for 20-22 students. The youth ministry provides drinks, cutlery, paper plates, and the like. Food should be delivered by 5:45 to the youth room.
- ◆ **Monday** Morning Prayer—7:20am in the Youth Room (Enter by little parking lot) Contact: Amy Golden for info 859-992-9450 Join us for donuts & prayer time.
- ◆ **Wednesday** afterschool games—3-4:30pm
- ◆ **Wednesday** evening youth—6:30-7:30pm Discussion, Bible study & growth.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Christina, terminal cancer diagnosis
- Roger B—cancer treatment & surgery
- Patricia H, awaiting heart transplant
- The Yelton Family
- Deborah, metastatic breast cancer
- Mike H. and Family
- Jonathan K, 3rd battle with leukemia
- Stacia F—brain cancer
- A friend's father with pancreatic cancer
- Gayla and family
- Adelyn—continued recovery
- Parents of teens
- Beth D.—hospice
- Paul W.
- Amanda B.—breast cancer
- Those struggling with mental health



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# Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 23, 2023 11:00am

3rd Sunday of Easter



**WINDOWS OF HEAVEN**  
11AM Worship - April 23, 2023

*Photo by Ed Harber*

Highland United Methodist Church affirms and welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ages, nations, and races. We fully include all in the life and ministry of the church as we seek to share God's love in Jesus Christ.

The Mission of Highland United Methodist Church is to transform lives by demonstrating Jesus' love and making him known through serving others.