

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Ascension Sunday, we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

So let's celebrate this Jesus.

Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Chris Pinelo, Sam Lohner, 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.)

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-53

MESSAGE

WAIT OR WITNESS

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WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

**NEW
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CLASS**

Looking for a way to make new connections at Highland United Methodist? Looking to meet and grow with parents? We've started a **new 11AM Sunday School class** for just that! Join us in **Room 109** on Sundays for a time for fellowship, learning, and fun.

Every week, John Hodges-Batzka takes the Sunday sermon, adds a devotion and announcements about upcoming events to create the **Highland Methodist Podcast**. Check it out! Available Mondays in the app, Apple Podcasts, and Google Play.



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We welcome all visitors today and kindly request you complete a "Connect Card" found either in the pew or by scanning this QR code. We would love to get to know you!



Amelia Jacqueline Lohner

Highlands High School to cosmetology school

Samuel Ottfried Hahn

Highlands High School to Western Colorado University

Margaret Elizabeth Hahn

Highlands High School to University of Kentucky

Olivia Grace Hahn

Highlands High School to Savannah College of Art and Design



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PRELUDE Trio Dudley Buck

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HYMN #203* Hail to the Lord's Anointed

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884* From the Korean Church

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MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Prière Pierre de Bréville

DOXOLOGY*

CHORAL ANTHEM The Blessing is You Mark Burrows

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-53

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HYMN #569* We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE O Jesus King Most Wonderful Dale Wood

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If you would like to **assist during worship** as a Greeter, Usher, Communion Steward, read Scripture or lead the Children's Blessing on Sunday mornings, please speak with Pastor John.



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CHILDREN & YOUTH



May'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 3years.



Coming soon... VBS 2023! Watch your email and social media for registration information. Volunteers are needed for all areas to make this summer one to remember for the children of our church and community. **Contact Hilary Dungan** children@highlandmethodist.com to join the volunteer team.

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

- ◆ Youth group trip today to Smale Park 3-6 —**The Youth Ministry needs your help to provide dinner for Sunday evening youth.** Sign up using the QR code here and provide a meal for 20-22 students.
- ◆ **Monday** Morning Prayer—7:20am in the Youth Room (Enter by little parking lot) Amy Golden for info 859-992-9450 Join us for donuts & prayer time.



Coffee & Friends is a casual gathering hosted by Linda and Wayne Wiedenbein in their home. You are invited to join them at **10am on the first WEDNESDAY of every month** for delicious beverages and great conversation. Contact the church office for location.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise for the healthy birth of Atlas
- Wilson B—severe head injury
- The Yelton Family
- Deborah, metastatic breast cancer
- Mike H. and Family
- Jonathan K, 3rd battle with leukemia
- Rick E —chemotherapy treatments
- 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, May 21, 2023 11:00am

7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday



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.