

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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**And I will turn toward You forever.**

I will hold fast to you.

**And I will sing praises to Your name!**

*(inspired by Psalm 119:105-112)*

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Sam Lohner, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett,  
Keith Whitehead, and special guests

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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### MINISTRY OF GIVING

### OFFERING MUSIC

### MESSAGE

**WINDOWS OF HEAVEN**  
THE HOLY BIBLE

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### BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

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**PRELUDE** The Gift of Love arr. John Leavitt  
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**HYMN #374\*** Standing on the Promises

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880\*** The Nicene Creed

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**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** Blest Are Ye Faithful, Op 22, no 6 Johannes Brahms

**DOXOLOGY\***

**CHORAL ANTHEM** A Home of Grace Joseph M. Martin

**MESSAGE** **WINDOWS OF HEAVEN** Rev. John W. Bowling

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**HYMN #600\*** Wonderful Words of Life

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE** Postlude in D Healey Willan

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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.

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

- ◆ **NO** Youth group tonight —**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.
- ◆ **Wednesday** afterschool games—3-4:30pm



Each year, all churches in the Kentucky Annual Conference are invited to participate in a **mission offering at Annual Conference**. The Mission Offering for 2023 Annual Conference (held this year June 4-7) will support the UMC Clergy Financial Well-being Initiative. Launched in 2016, the UMC Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative is a collaboration of United Methodist organizations working together to support clergy financial well-being and to develop clergy financial leadership within their ministry settings. In its current phase of this important work, the initiative is addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on UMC clergy of color. **If you would like to contribute to this special offering simply make a note in the memo section of your check or online gift.**



### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise for the healthy birth of Atlas
- Gayla and family
- Wilson B—severe head injury
- Adelyn—continued recovery
- The Yelton Family
- Parents of teens
- Deborah, metastatic breast cancer
- Beth D.—hospice
- Mike H. and Family
- Paul W.
- Jonathan K, 3rd battle with leukemia
- Amanda B.—breast cancer
- Rick E —chemotherapy treatments
- Those struggling with mental health



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# Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:00am

6th Sunday of Easter



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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.