

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Chris Pinelo, Sam Lohner, 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.)

SCRIPTURE John 6:53-58

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-17

MESSAGE **WINDOWS OF HEAVEN** Rev. John W. Bowling
The Cup and Vine

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We come to this table grateful for Jesus Christ, the true vine.

His roots are eternally grounded with the Father and we rejoice, that by God's grace, we are grafted into him, to be branches filled with fruit of true life.

And so, we come to this table with thankful hearts.

Why do we give thanks at this table?

We give thanks because God has invited us here! All God's children are invited to the Lord's supper. We come humbly to the table, knowing that we have not earned our way here, but are invited: guests of God.

Why do we eat at this table?

The broken bread reminds us that we love God because God first loved us. We eat at this table to remember that on the night before Jesus died, he ate with his friends. Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

God of grace, give us repentant hearts, forgiving hearts, clean hearts. Send Your Spirit upon us so that we know that all who eat and drink in this room are one body, one holy people because of Your powerful, life-altering love in our lives. We take the cup with thankful hearts. Why do we take the cup at this table?

The cup of grace nourishes us so we may be strengthened in our ministry with one another and those beyond our walls; that our intertwining branches may bring hope and blessing.

We drink because that same night he shared bread, Jesus also took a cup. After giving thanks, passed the cup to his friends saying,

"Drink this cup. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ, for you gave your life freely for our salvation.

May this meal strengthen us to remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruit of love which brings joy and purpose, to the greater glory of God. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

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PRELUDE Throughout These Forty Days (St. Flavian) Healey Willan

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CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #170* O, How I Love Jesus

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MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Wondrous Love Dale Wood

DOXOLOGY*

CHORAL ANTHEM Jesus Paid It All Brad Nix

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HYMN #347* Picardy Spirit Song Alec Rowley

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Fugue in D Major Samuel Wesley

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



March's *Grow Kids! Sunday School* theme for the month is "Changing Gears," a four-week series on Jesus' ministry in the New Testament. Just like robots can transform, in this series, kids will learn how Jesus' ministry can change us. **Nursery** care is available for infants through 3years.



Bunny Breakfast is March 25 from 9-11! This is the perfect event to celebrate the Easter season with your kids. There will be a hot breakfast, egg hunt, live bunnies and chicks, visits with the Easter Bunny, and crafts. Join us for the return of this HUMC family tradition. **Register** highlandmethodist.com

Youth Activities this week:

- ◆ Tonight—**Confirmation Class parent meeting 5:15pm**, Youth tonight 6-8
- ◆ Monday Morning Prayer—7:20am
- ◆ Wednesday afterschool games—3-4:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday evening youth—6:30-7:30pm



Youth 6th-12th grade are invited to attend Youth Discipleship Retreat at Aldersgate Camp March 24th to 26th. The retreat is designed to help young people from across KY deepen their faith and understanding of God's plan for their lives. Cost is \$120 per student. Register via youth leader, Scott Beach youth@highlandmethodist.com

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



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Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:00am

2nd Sunday in Lent



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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.