

PRELUDE Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #577* God of Grace and God of Glory

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY All Creatures of Our God and King William Henry Draper

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor/God Bless America

Chris Pinelo

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:12-26

MESSAGE **HOW SWEET THE SOUND** Rev. John W. Bowling
"Blessed Assurance"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

Children of God, prepare to encounter at this Table an assurance of the blessed truth: you are loved.

We prepare ourselves in these moments to taste and savor the sweet flavor of joy and wonder.

This table is just a foretaste, you know, of what is to come.

Yes, we celebrate the divine glory incarnate in Jesus; for we are heirs of God's eternal Kingdom because of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

Once there was chaos. The earth was formless and void, yet when chaos saw Your glory, O God, You brought forth a new creation...and called it "Good."

Humanity took the good gift of life and distorted it. We defied God's call to holiness and went in search of other things.

In Jesus You came that we might know true life in Your presence.

That we might experience the power of Your mercy and love.

[The pastor will offer the Words of Institution; I Corinthians 11:23-25]

This is God's expression of grace.

This is our story. This is our song!

So now, O God, pour out Your Spirit upon us who have gathered and upon the bread and the cup You have provided. As You feed us with the bread,

Supply our malnourished spirits with an assurance of Your abiding presence.

As we receive the cup,

Flood our souls with Your goodness and compassion, that we may be strengthened to share our story that others may also sing the song of faith.

Through the blessedness of Christ, our Lord, we pray,
and give thanks. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #369* Blessed Assurance

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing Christian H. Bateman

* Please stand as you are able.

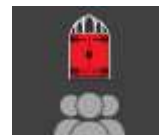
Thank you to our guest organist, Christina Seal, who is with us while Terrie heals from knee surgery.

Welcome to Highland United Methodist! If you're looking for information about our church, you can probably find it and much more at highlandmethodist.com

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!



Join us on July 4th—the parade starts at 10:30. We'll be handing out bottles of water, encouraging parade participants, and enjoying the best Fort Thomas has to offer. Look for us under the tent!



Highland UMC's Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00pm in the Welcome Area to vision and plan for the ministries of the church. All members of the Highland Methodist community are invited to attend and engage in this process.

THE UNSTUCK GROUP Our Administrative Council has approved hiring a church consultant to work with us regarding our present and future as a congregation and how we might best fulfill our mission as a growing and vibrant faith community. Our consultant will gather data from the church and the community and we will explore various trends and attitudes in church and society. Our consultant will meet with staff and church leaders on a Saturday for about 6 hours. We will review information and then begin to prayerfully strategize for the future of HUMC. We need additional people to participate - not just for the Saturday session but for 12-24 months as we seek to live into and put in place the plans we prepare. We are looking for "big picture" people. No age requirement or limit. You may be a newer member or a long-term member. **Prayerfully consider being a part of this group and contact Pastor John if interested in learning more JBOWL1@aol.com**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TWISTS & TURNS

Vacation Bible School
July 23-27

VBS is July 23-27, 2023 6-8pm! [Registration is now live at highlandmethodist.com](https://www.highlandmethodist.com) Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. Kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over." Following Jesus changes the game.

Questions? Contact Hilary Dungan children@highlandmethodist.com

Looking for adult subs to help with the nursery on Sundays as well as youth and adults to assist with Sunday School. If you would like to be put on a sub list, please contact Hilary Dungan children@highlandmethodist.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

[Summer Activities for 6th –12th graders \(Registrations can be found under the "Students" tab at highlandmethodist.com\)](#)

- ◆ [NO Sunday night Youth Group tonight](#)
- ◆ [Tuesday, July 4th—NO ACTIVITIES](#)
- ◆ [Wednesday, July 5th](#)

- High school bible study 1-2pm
- Dungeons and Dragons Role Playing game 2-4pm
- Middle school bible study 4-5pm

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Terrie—knee surgery
- Carolyn H—high blood pressure
- Paul H—Hospice
- Lana V—knee healing & pain management
- Grant C—healing and rehab
- Bill & Kathlene—health issues
- Mary Frances—vertebrae fracture
- Rick E —chemo & kidney stone
- Amanda B.—breast cancer



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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 2, 2023 11:00am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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.