

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Chris Pinelo, Amy Golden, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett, Keith Whitehead

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

MESSAGE

WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

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JESUS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND CONSECRATION

Why have we gathered here?

We come because we have been called to live out a story.

What story shall we live?

The story of saving love.

Where did this story begin?

It was whispered before time began. It was sung in the melody of Creation.

Why should we speak of this story?

Because this story calls our name in Creation. This story claims our lives through the Cross. This story shapes our future through the Spirit.

So tell me the story of this table.

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it.

Tell me what he said and did.

"This is my body which is broken for you. Do this and remember me."

What else happened?

In the same way, he took the cup and said, "This is a new covenant in my blood. Drink it and remember me."

This is our common story ... and it is important to remember the story ... and to tell the story.

This story our testimony: because of this meal – grace shapes our lives.

So, in remembrance of the mighty acts and holy promises of Jesus – we offer ourselves to You, O God (as Christ offered himself for each of us).

Shower us with Your Spirit, here and now, so this common meal becomes a life-giving celebration. May our eating and drinking this day bind us to Christ, whose body and blood are given for us. As we continue to be transformed by Your life in us that we will extend this same love to a grace-hungry world.

Living God, this is our prayer.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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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.

PRELUDE The Ash Grove arr. Dale Wood

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HYMN #368* My Hope Is Built

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Élévation, Op 2 Marcel Dupré

DOXOLOGY*

CHORAL ANTHEM In Remembrance Lloyd Larson

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In the Garden C. Austin Miles

HYMN #614* For the Bread Which You Have Broken

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Voluntary, Op 5, No. 8 John Stanley

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Welcome to new Children's Ministry Director, Hilary Dungan!

Hilary has helped with Children's ministry at HUMC often over the eleven years she has attended here and has been a teacher at Bluebird Christian Preschool for the last 12 years. Hilary and her husband Scott have been married for 26 years. They have two daughters, Riley and Paige. She is looking forward to leading our children in creating a stronger spirit in Christ and helping them learn and grow in their faith.



Middle School Parent Meeting Wednesday, May 10 at 7pm

During this meeting, we will discuss programming ideas for your students and how you as parents can be involved in our youth activities. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what our Youth Group has to offer. Parents of rising 6th graders are encouraged to attend! This meeting will be held at the Anstaett home (**80 Gregory Lane**). Contact Youth Director Scott Beach for more information youth@highlandmethodist.com

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.**



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
- Rick—biopsy and treatments
- 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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Sunday, May 7, 2023 9:30am

5th Sunday of Easter



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.



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