

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Oh Happy Day; Come, Now Is the Time to Worship; God Is Here;
Joy to the World; Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive; Be Still

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn,
Angelena Stephens, Kaitlin Guenther*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.
Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship.)*

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Remember The Cross
Because He Lives
Neal Sterrett, Marty Malloy, Bill Wagner

Ricky Scaggs
Celtic Worship

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5:6

MESSAGE

Bumper Sticker Theology
“Love Your Enemies, But Keep the Sass”

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WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



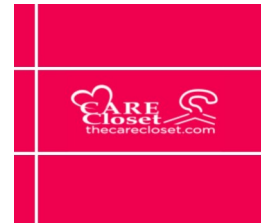
Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,
Karen Beymer & Sally Race
Your service is greatly appreciated!

We are glad you have chosen to be with us, and we invite you to participate in future opportunities for worship, fellowship, and outreach. Please visit www.highlandmethodist.com for more information.

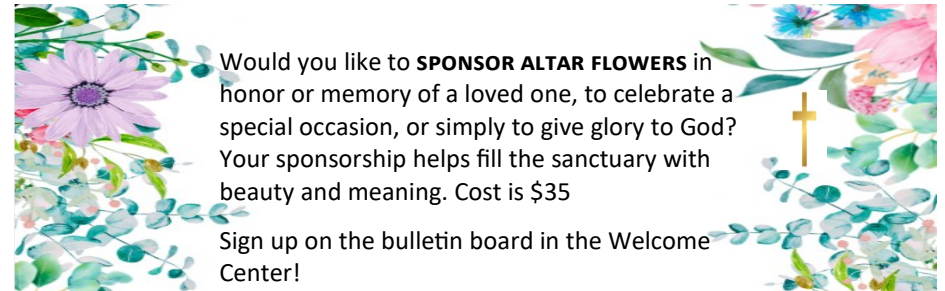


From the Creation Care Team:

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the efforts to install the **HUMC pollinator garden**. Our team of volunteer gardeners finished planting 25 pollinator plants on Saturday, August 9th. With care and watering we hope the plants will bless all of God's pollinator creatures who visit our church grounds.



The **Care Closet** is currently fulfilling referrals for over 150 school-aged children, and we're running low on sizes 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, & 14/16 (both genders). New or very gently used shorts, capris, T-shirts, jeans or lightweight joggers would be greatly appreciated! (No dresses, underwear, or shoes at this point, please). Thank you for your consideration and continued support. You are such a Blessing to us!



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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!



PRELUDE Verses, OP. 31 Ernest Chausson

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HYMN #568* Christ for the World We Sing

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY How Great Thou Art Robert Hobby

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Remember The Cross Ricky Scaggs
 Because He Lives Celtic Worship
Neal Sterrett, Marty Malloy, Bill Wagner

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 5:6

MESSAGE **Bumper Sticker Theology** Rev. John W. Bowling
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

God created all that is in this world and called it good. Even in the Midst of the brokenness that surrounds us, we find peace in the presence of God's goodness.

Fill us, O God, with the peace of Christ.

God calls us to feed the hungry and care for the widowed and the orphaned. Let us be tuned-in to those in need around us.

Grant us, O God, a heart for true justice.

God calls to bear one another's burdens. Let us be resolved to pray for and be present to lend a hand and offer a simple word of kindness.

Help us, O God, to be people who give of ourselves.

Grant us courage, O God, to walk among Your people.

We are often tempted to placate or ignore the hard realities so many others face in the world around us. Prompt us toward a dedication and devotion of seeking justice for all people, everywhere.

Loving God, grant us compassion to carry the power of Christ into our homes and communities; bearing a bold witness of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

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

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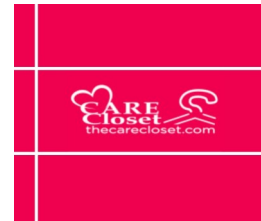
POSTLUDE Immortal, Invisible David Johnson

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Start each week off with prayer and donuts to help you navigate your way through the ups and downs. **Monday Morning Prayer Returns TOMORROW, August 18** at 7:20 in the youth room. Enter through the little parking lot basement door. Contact Amy at 859-992-9420 with questions.



We are still seeking 1-2 adults to help lead during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Please contact Amy or the church office!

AS OF JULY 31, 2025



General Fund YTD Income: \$295,566

General Fund YTD Expense: \$311,877

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$16,311)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$357,929

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Peggy—weakened heart
- Carol (Donna Clapp's cousin)- multiple health problems
- Stephanie—biopsy & treatment plans
- Lynn E—recovery
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- Scott S—loss of vision
- Rhonda R—health issues
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo
- Laura C—loss of family members
- Vera P—health issues



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Highland United Methodist Church

August 17, 2025 11:00am

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.