

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Stephens, Neal Sterrett, Keith Whitehead

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*

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Jesus lived among us and befriended us. He taught and preached and shared the undeniable love of Almighty God. God's Truth was rejected and His love denied. Jesus was crucified and died. But the heart of God could not be rejected or denied: on the third day God raised Jesus from the dead.

After ascending into heaven, God sent His Spirit and gave birth to His Church. This same Spirit is the presence of God with us every day, even now. This Spirit calls us to community, to compassion, to welcome, and to acts of mercy and justice, so that the whole world will quiver with wonder and hope of God.

We are people of faith in the risen Christ. We profess our commitment today to live in such a way that the world will see Christ rising again, in us and through us, with the message of Easter. God lives. Christ is risen. Alleluia. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade may come forward for a blessing before heading upstairs for Sunday School.)*

### EPISTLE LESSON

I Peter 1:3-4, 8-9

Jim Heindl

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Karen Beymer and Jim Heindl

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16*

### OFFERTORY

"The Empty Tomb"  
Amy Golden, cello

Chris Pinelo

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

### MESSAGE

**"ANTICIPATE THE MORNING"**

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### DISMISSAL BLESSING\*

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

## ADULTS



Another season of Wednesday Night Adult Studies is coming to an end. But John HB wants to explore several new ways to pray in our *Pray Always* two-week study. Join us in the Welcome area **April 20 and 27 at 6:30.**

Announcing a new group at Highland Methodist, **"Good Grief"** - a healthy path towards healing. If you have experienced a loss - no matter the length of time since your loss – you are welcome to join the journey with us. **Meets in the Memorial Room from 11-12 on the fourth Friday of each month, starting April 22.** Please contact Ann Richards ([atur36@gmail.com](mailto:atur36@gmail.com)) for more info.

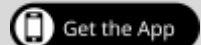


Service is an important part of our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Highland Methodist wants to help you find new ways to serve with our **Servant Sunday event, Sunday, May 1, in the Fellowship Hall** after both services. Learn how you can use your time, gifts, and talents to serve our church and our community.



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.

The easiest way to stay connected and in the loop is to download the HUMC app and turn on notifications. In the app, you can listen to the sermons, set up online giving, register for worship and so much more! Scan the QR code



**PRELUDE** "Joyful Spirit" George Shapiro

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope: Christ is risen.

**The dawn has broken. Christ is risen!**

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves...and it is true: Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We hear a voice call our name.

**And we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.**

What a morning. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #302\*** Christ the Lord is Risen Today (*vs. 1-4*)

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**EPISTLE LESSON** I Peter 1:3-4, 8-9

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "All Night, All Day" and "Diversion (Glorious Dawn)"  
*Highland Ringers*

**DOXOLOGY\***

**HYMN #310** He Lives

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Easter Joy" John Merrill  
*Adam Coffman, trumpet*  
*Rhett Lei, piano*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 16:1-8

**ANTHEM** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Kent A. Newbury

**MESSAGE** "ANTICIPATE THE MORNING" Rev. John W. Bowling

**HYMN #304\*** Easter People Raise Your Voices

**BENEDICTION\***

**HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

*(All who would like to join with the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to come forward. Musical scores are available.)*

**POSTLUDE** "Easter Postlude" Alexandre Guilmant

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Sunday School at 9:30 and 11:00



Children's Sunday School has an exciting game show for kids aged four to fifth grade in April exploring the Easter story! Children are invited to meet in the sanctuary for the start of 9:30 or 11AM worship (and a special blessing), before heading to class for the fun.

Nursery available for kids under four.

**NO Youth Group tonight or next Sunday evening due to Easter and the Youth Discipleship Retreat next weekend.**

**MONDAY MORNING PRAYER** - Join us tomorrow for Monday Morning Prayer! We will meet in the youth room from **7:15-7:45 AM** to enjoy a bite of breakfast and start the week off right with prayer. The youth room door will be open. Questions: Amy Golden 859-992-9450.

**Wednesday evening activities for all ages will resume this week!**

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Dr. Lowell Ford—cancer treatments
- Wyatt H.—age 12 leukemia
- Afghan refugee family resettling in NKY—Father, mother and 4 children)
- Sherri Y.—cancer and stroke
- Leo A.—Knee surgery on 4/22
- Flossie P.—Beta Cell Lymphoma diagnosis and care plan
- Connie G. (Ingrid Shick's mother) - colon cancer, chemo starts 4/18
- Allison Green—malignancy surgery
- Ukraine



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## Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 17, 2022, 11:00 am

**Easter Sunday**



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.