

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP*

We believe in God, the Root of all life, Creator of all things.

We live in Christ Jesus, God's Son, who loved all people and who makes us one in his love.

He suffered and died, and was raised to new life. In his death and resurrection we are also raised to life that is transformed.

Christ is our Vine, and we are his branches; and without him we cannot live.

We live by the Holy Spirit, flowing through us so that we may bear fruit for God, the fruit of love.

In the Spirit we are one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

As we worship, may we gain new insight into the mystery and wonder of God's love.

And may we seek new ways to mirror that love in our world.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Chris Pinelo, Samantha Lohner, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett, Keith Whitehead, Amy Golden, Oliver Golden

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC

SCRIPTURE selected passages

MESSAGE **WINDOWS OF HEAVEN**
THE CANDELABRUM

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WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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Word Warriors women's Bible study meets weekly on **Fridays, at 10am** in room 109. Join them for conversation and community. Contact Linda Malloy for info 859-750-6574.



If you have experienced a loss at any point, you are welcome to join us for **"Good Grief" - a healthy path towards healing.** **Meet in the Memorial Room from 11-12 on March 24.**

Coffee & Friends is a casual gathering hosted by Linda and Wayne Wiedenbein in their home. You are invited to join them **at 10am on April 7** for delicious beverages and great conversation. Contact the church office for location.



March 19th is UMCOR Sunday— Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This special offering underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.



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PRELUDE Lord Deal Thou With Me Georg Böhm

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The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Why should we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

What have we to fear?

Let us shout with joy to God!

Let us sing and make music before our God.

HYMN #64* Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884* ("From the Korean Methodist Church")

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MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Take My Life and Let It Be (Patmos) arr. Mark Sedio

DOXOLOGY*

CHORAL ANTHEM Ah, Holy Jesus Roger T Petrich

SCRIPTURE selected passages

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HYMN #206* I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Our Father Thou in Heaven Above Anton Leupold

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Altar Flowers

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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 for 6th –12th graders:

- ◆ **Tonight** Youth group— 6-8pm enjoy a meal, play fun games and learn from a Bible lesson... inspiration, laughter and spiritual growth.
- ◆ **Monday** Morning Prayer—7:20am in the Youth Room (Enter by little parking lot) Contact: Amy Golden for info 859-992-9450 Join us for donuts & prayer time. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Wednesday** afterschool games—3-4:30pm Join us for a thrilling after-school adventure with Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)! Whether you're a veteran or new to the game, all are welcome. This is a great opportunity for students to meet new friends, develop critical thinking skills, and engage in a unique storytelling experience. The games are led by experienced D&D players.
- ◆ **Wednesday** evening youth—6:30-7:30pm Discussion, Bible study & growth.

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
- Gayla and family



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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023 11:00am

3rd Sunday in Lent



WINDOWS OF HEAVEN
11AM Worship, March 12, 2023

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.

HUMC Mission Spotlight—The CARE Closet

The CARE Closet began 3/11/2016 when Fort Thomas resident, Carol Weinel, embarked on a Lenten giving challenge. She rallied her friends and family to donate gently used clothing to be distributed to local kids in our community. The donations poured in and she decided to start a kids clothing closet in Northern Kentucky.

The mission from the beginning was to have on-site CARE Closets at schools. Having a CARE Closet allows the kids to "shop" for clothes, shoes and personal care items, at no cost to their families. HUMC member, Nancy Baker, is in charge of the on-site closet at Newport Primary School and she assists the elementary students as they pick out their new clothes. The donations received at the **HUMC CARE Closet** directly support and supply the on-site closet at Newport Primary School.



HOW CAN I HELP?

HUMC CARE Closet will accept donations in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday March 18 from 10:30-12:30 or bring items with you to worship on Sunday March 19. Most needed items include:

- spring and summer clothing 5T-18 in youthful styles
- new underwear in the package
- gently used & clean gym shoes
- men's athletic short and t-shirts
- Mens/teens small & medium shirts (casual and dress) and pants 29-32 waist
- new or gently used books about spring or Easter (these books can be dropped off in the collection barrel at the base of the steps in the stairwell.)
- transitional jackets
- gently used ball caps
- diapers size 4 and up

Please no sports gear, school logos, monograms, dance wear, formal wear or high heels. Items should be clean, free of holes or stains, no broken zippers or missing buttons.

What if I don't have items to donate?

Volunteers are needed to sort donations during the drop-off hours! Contact Jen Heindl for info 859-653-1576 or jenheindl@icloud.com



Curious about the ministries of Highland United Methodist? Want to get more involved in church and community service opportunities or explore membership in the United Methodist Church? **Join Pastor John for a Newcomer's Lunch, Sunday, March 19 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall to learn what makes Highland Methodist unique. **RSVP via the link on the website.**

If you would like to **assist during worship** as a Greeter, Usher, Communion Steward, read Scripture or lead the Children's Blessing on Sunday mornings, please speak with Pastor John.



Highland Methodist's Administrative Council will meet THIS Tuesday, March 14, 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 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 events and so much more! Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to download the HUMC app!

