

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP*

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive; Seek Ye First; In Christ Alone;
Sometimes By Step; No Turning Back

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Rick Marquardt,
Kaitlin Guenther, Sally Osborn*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

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MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Live and Let Live; No Hard Feelings

SCRIPTURE LESSON ACTS 7:54-60

MESSAGE **The Easter Effect** Rev. John Bowling
Forgiveness

A PRAYER FOR A FORGIVING SPIRIT

We confess today, Lord, our tendency to sometimes think we are better than others.

We confess our pride in minimizing our own sinfulness and lack of obedience in our faith.

We celebrate today that Jesus has have shown us another way: a way of forgiveness.

Help us, O God, to turn away from our own tendency to hold grudges and even to sometimes seek retribution to those who have done us wrong or those whom we think are not worthy of our forgiveness.

May we be renewed by the transforming of our minds to the ways of Christ, our Lord.

Mighty God, bend our hearts and stretch our spirits toward a posture of forgiveness;

That in our forgiving we may demonstrate the grace You give to us to share.

To the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive; Revelation Song;
The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.

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Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**

Ron Jump & Sally Race

Your service is greatly appreciated!

Special thank you to all who fixed, donated, and served for **Christina Von Handorf's** family lunch following her Celebration of life on April 20th.



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PRELUDE By Rivers of Babylon Johann Pachelbel

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HYMN #57* O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs. 1-4,7

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #785* PSALM 51

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs Healey Willan

DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM Be Praised O God

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HYMN #390* Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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POSTLUDE Warrenton Sam Batt
Owens

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Volunteer Opportunities at Highland

Greeters and Ushers are needed for both 9:30 and 11 service to ensure everyone who comes through the doors receives a warm welcome. If you are interested in serving for 30 minutes once a month, please fill out the form found on the website or email office@highlandmethodist.com.

Assistance needed with putting the weekly slides together. It takes about an hour each week. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please indicate such on a connect card or email office@highlandmethodist.com.

Happening This Week at HUMC

- Mon 4/22 Monday Morning Prayer Group
- Tue 4/23 Yoga 5:45—7:00pm, Welcome Center
- Wed 4/24 Wednesday night Programming
Bells/Choir Practice 6:30/7:30
- Thu 4/25 Sign Class, Fellowship Hall 6:30
- Fri 4/26 Word Warriors 10:00am, Room 109
UMSF 12:30, Welcome Center
- Sun 4/28 Newcomer's Lunch 12:00, Fellowship Hall
Confirmation Class 5:00pm, Room 109

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Delaney Family—19 yr old son passed away on 4/2
- Nancy—Health Problems
- Sandy—Health Problems
- Ruth Anne Conley-recovering from surgery
- The family of Christina VonHandorf-who passed away from Cancer on 4/10
- Pat Goins-recovering from physical & mental exhaustion
- Alberta—mother-in-law, heart issues, pray for continued improvement
- Those morning the loss of loved ones
- Those struggling with their faith



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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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.