

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Elifrits

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Better Is One Day; Refiner's Fire/Give Thanks; Come to Me;
Now With Thanksgiving

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

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Abide

SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 5: 1,13-25

MESSAGE

"Strive to be Spirit-Filled"

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Why have we gathered here?

We come to remember and to celebrate.

What are we remembering? What are we celebrating?

The story of persistent love; that nothing compares to this truth: the power of God's love endures forever, for all.

Recall for 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 truly is our identity in Jesus Christ.

Yes, because of this meal—grace shapes our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ among us.

May our lives continue to be transformed by Your life in us that we will share this same love with all.

Living God, this is our prayer.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

One of Us/Thank You; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**
Sally Race & Lanee Philippe

Your service is greatly appreciated!



We're back for the new season! **Wednesday, October 8, 5:30.** There's no better way to get to know your church family than at the dinner table. We're hosting weekly Wednesday Night dinners. Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday at highlandmethodist.com and don't forget to join us for our Wednesday Night programming after the meal! Price is just \$6 per person or \$20 per family.

Menu: Roast Pork, Roast Chicken, Applesauce, Broccoli Casserole, Salad & Fruit



The next HUMC **Creation Care Team** meeting will be held **Monday, October 13th at 7pm** in the Welcome Center. All are welcome to attend. Contact Karen Perce at 859-638-9206 or khp795@gmail.com for further information.



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY ED HARBER
IN MEMORY OF
JENNIFER HARBER

PRELUDE Jerusalem the Golden Mark Sedio

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CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, give us a little sun, a little happiness, and some work.
Give us a heart to comfort those in pain.
Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise, and free,
So that we may be as generous with others as we are with ourselves.
Finally, God, let us live as your own, one family.

HYMN #334* Sweet, Sweet Spirit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881*

PRAYER HYMN #393 Spirit of the Living God

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Haig Mardurosian

DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM River in Judea arr. John Leavitt

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HYMN #467* Trust and Obey

BENEDICTION*

CHORAL AMEN*

POSTLUDE We Placed Upon Your Table Lord Robert Powell

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday Morning Prayer is back! Middle School & High School Students start each week off with prayer and donuts to help you navigate your way through the ups and downs. 7:20 in the youth room. Enter through the little parking lot basement door.



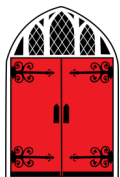
TONIGHT, Sunday, October 5 from 6:00—7:30pm, 6th—12th graders are invited to join us in the Youth Room for a meal, inspiration, laughter and spiritual growth.



Please only use the small parking lot if you have *mobility issues*. Parking in Fort Thomas (even on Sunday mornings) can be challenging, but we want to make sure those that may have difficulty walking distances are able to easily access a nearby entry into the church. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lynn E—recovery
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo
- Laura C—loss of family members
- Ben & Melissa Ellison—praise for the delivery of healthy baby Charlotte on 8/30
- Doug P—Spinal injury
- Terri—recovery & healing
- Audrey—severe TMJ
- Lars & Christine Whalen—birth of second child
- Stephanie—participating in cancer treatment trial
- Tom (Linda Lange's brother)-hospitalized for a fall



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October 5, 2025 11:00am

Seventeenth 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.