

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Seek Ye First; 10,000 Reasons; I Will Change Your Name;  
Firm Foundation; The Church's One Foundation

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Neal Sterrett  
Sally Osborn, Oliver Golden, Keith Whitehead*

### DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

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### MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Let It Be; True Colors

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:1-11

MEDITATION "A Splash of Grace" Rev. John W. Bowling

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Honey in the Rock; Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

### BENEDICTION\*

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**PRELUDE** Arise and Shine in Splendor Johannes Brahms

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Hear God's voice speak to our chaos.

**God's voice calls us together and today we gather to remember our baptism.**

God's voice flows like the living waters of grace.

**May we hear our new name, 'Beloved,' resounding in our souls.**

God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope.

**And it calls us to a new way of living and being. It calls us to be reconcilers in a broken world.**

**HYMN #545\*** The Church's One Foundation

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**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** Once in Royal David's City arr. Jeffrey Bleresch

**DOXOLOGY\***

**CHORAL ANTHEM** O, A Rise

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**HYMN #400\*** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**BENEDICTION\***

**CHORAL AMEN\***

**POSTLUDE** Go Tell It On The Mountain Wilbur Held

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Director, Hilary Dungan—[children@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:children@highlandmethodist.com)

Children's Sunday School meets every week in room 207 during both 9:30 and 11 o'clock services. Nursery is available for children, infant through 3 years old, in



**Wednesday Nights will be back on Jan 10th.** Kids will enjoy a variety of things over the course of the winter and spring— Superheroes of the Bible, Bible baseball, Passover, Ash Wednesday Easter and how all of that has significant meanings. We will also continue our Wednesday Night Mission.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Monday Morning Prayer tomorrow 7:20-7:40 Gather in the Youth Room - enter the door off the small parking lot. Contact Amy Golden at 859-992-9450. Join us for donuts and prayer time. Just show up. All are welcome!

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lana V— back surgery revision
- Rachel W
- Pat B—stomach cancer
- Baby Vivienne getting stronger in NICU—Praise! Continued prayer requested.
- Ann H—continued recovery from seizure
- Yogi B—heart problems, blood clots
- Lynn E—moved to rehab facility
- Rick E — hospice
- Sharon E—peace and strength
- Vera—stress and care of parents
- Mac H—continued healing
- Pingwah Tang—Sonya Tang Girdwood's father, healing
- Tom H— cardiology testing on 1/4



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# Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:00am

**First Sunday after the Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord**

A  
**Splash  
Of Grace**

IIAM Worship, January 7, 2024



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.

