

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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**We gather now to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.**

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**Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, let us lift our songs of faith to glorify Father, Son and Spirit .** (cf, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17)

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

### MINISTRY OF GIVING

### OFFERING MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 100

### MESSAGE

**HOW SWEET THE SOUND**

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**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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### BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

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**Our summer sermon series, "How Sweet The Sound: the Hymns We Love and the Faith They Teach"** continues as we explore the background of some of our favorite and well-known hymns, their time-tested themes, and their implications for our lives today. Pastor John preaches next week and our focus will be: **Hymn #369—Blessed Assurance.**



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**THE UNSTUCK GROUP** Our Administrative Council has approved hiring a church consultant to work with us regarding our present and future as a congregation and how we might best fulfill our mission as a growing and vibrant faith community. Our consultant will gather data from the church but also the community and we will explore various trends and attitudes in church and society. Our consultant will meet with staff and church leaders on a Saturday for about 6 hours. We will review information and then begin to prayerfully strategize for the future of HUMC. We need additional people to participate - not just for the Saturday session but for 12-24 months as we seek to live into and put in place the plans we prepare. We are looking for "big picture" people. No age requirement or limit. You may be a newer member or a long-term member. **Prayerfully consider being a part of this group and contact Pastor John if interested in learning more [JBOWL1@aol.com](mailto:JBOWL1@aol.com)**

**PRELUDE** Our Destiny Lies Above Us Hans Zimmer  
*Brody Weinfurter*

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**HYMN #126\*** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881\*** The Apostles' Creed

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**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** O Trinity O Blessed Light Robert Farlee

**DOXOLOGY\***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Old Church Choir Zach Williams

*Amy Andrae, Sign Language Interpretation*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 100

**MESSAGE** **HOW SWEET THE SOUND** Rev. John W. Bowling

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**HYMN #57\*** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1, 3, 6-7)

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Paul Manz

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The Richards' Family has enjoyed a family reunion this weekend and we are delighted to have Brody Weinfurter participate in our worship today by playing the prelude. All are welcome to stay following the service to hear a brief concert by Brody featuring both classical and contemporary pieces.

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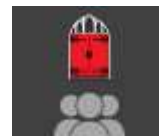
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**TWISTS & TURNS**

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July 23-27

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Questions? Contact Hilary Dungan [children@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:children@highlandmethodist.com)

We need your help on Sunday morning with Nursery care and Sunday school Teachers! If you are willing to help, please contact Hilary Dungan.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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- ◆ [Sunday night Youth Group tonight 6-8pm](https://www.highlandmethodist.com)
- ◆ [Tuesday, June 27th](https://www.highlandmethodist.com)
  - Weekly Magic the Gathering game 3-4:30pm in the youth room.
  - Getting Crafty 5:30-6:30pm Please register for THIS TUESDAY which will feature a cooking class to make Dirt Cake.
- ◆ [Wednesday, June 28th](https://www.highlandmethodist.com)
  - High school bible study 1-2pm
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### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Family of Wanda Snapp who passed on June 15
- Carolyn H—high blood pressure
- Paul H—Hospice
- Lana V—knee healing & pain management
- Grant C—healing and rehab
- Bill & Kathlene—health issues
- Mary Frances—vertebrae fracture
- Rick E —chemo & kidney stone
- Amanda B.—breast cancer
- Those struggling with addiction

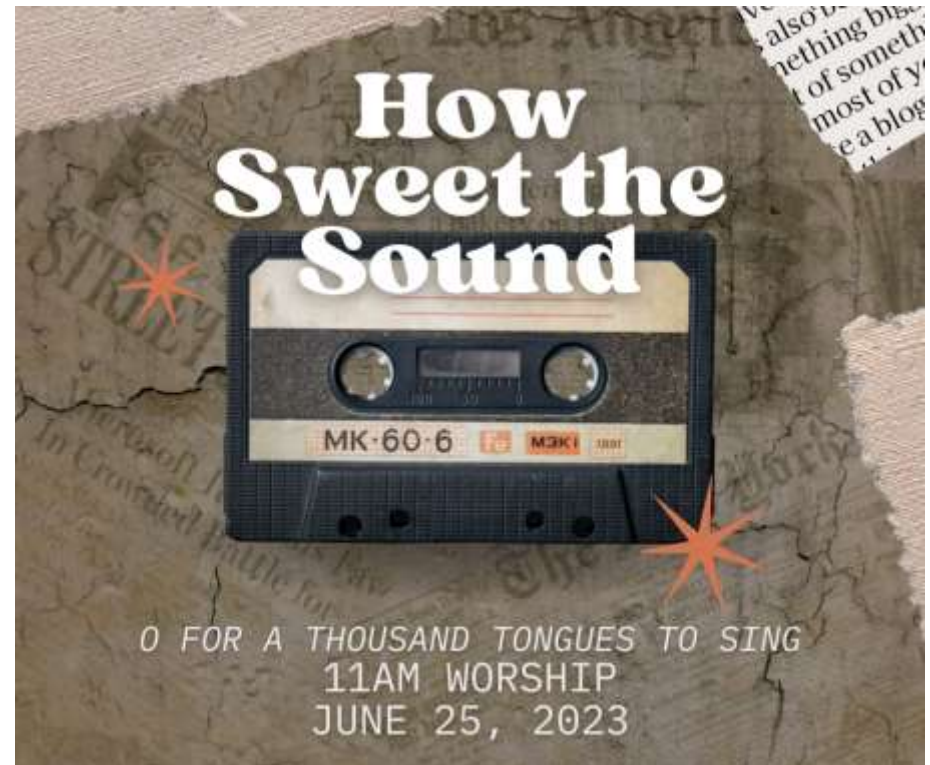


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# Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 25, 2023 11:00am

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



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.

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