

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Hodges-Batzka

## WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Ron Jump, 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

Jeremiah 50:5-7

## MESSAGE

## HOW SWEET THE SOUND

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606

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## BENEDICTION\*

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

Looking for a way to make new connections at Highland United Methodist? Looking to meet and grow with parents? We've started a **new 11AM Sunday School class** for just that! Join us in **Room 109** on Sundays for a time for fellowship, learning, and fun.



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

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**PRELUDE** Trumpet Tune in C

Alice Jordan

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of grace,

**We ask you to bring us unity.**

God of covenant,

**We ask that you help us live as your people.**

God of relationship,

**We ask you to help us live in peace and service to each other.**

**HYMN #725\*** Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come

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

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**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** Adagio

Tommaso Albinoni

**DOXOLOGY\***

**HYMN #606\*** Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 50:5-7

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Goin' Home  
Jerry Noran

Fisher/Dvorak

**MESSAGE** **HOW SWEET THE SOUND**  
**606**

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**HYMN #670\*** Go Forth for God

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE** Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine

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# THE UNSTUCK GROUP

Our Administrative Council has approved hiring a church consultant to come and speak to us about both 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. In addition to data 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 all the combined information and then begin to prayerful strategize for the future of HUMC. We need some additional lay leadership 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**



What would worship be without songs? **Our summer sermon series, "How Sweet The Sound: the Hymns We Love and the Faith They Teach"** continues. 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 #57—O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lana V—knee healing and pain management
- Ruth C—healing and rehab
- Grant C—healing and rehab
- The Yelton Family
- Deborah, metastatic breast cancer
- Mike H. and Family
- Mary Frances—vertebrae fracture
- Rick E —chemotherapy & strength
- Gayla and family
- Adelyn—continued recovery
- Those struggling with depression
- Beth D.—hospice
- Paul W.
- Amanda B.—breast cancer
- Those struggling with addiction



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## Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 18, 2023 9:30am

**Third 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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