

Highland Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

November 22, 2020

PRELUDE

“Thanksgiving Medley”

Cathy Wilson, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live it needs salt.

If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun’s light.

If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit’s light!

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Our faith, our love, our hope - essential as salt and light.

But if salt isn’t salty?

It isn’t what it’s meant to be.

And if a light doesn’t shine?

It isn’t what it’s meant to be.

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God’s faithful people.

**We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,
a justice-making people, giving glory to God! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jen Jammer

SONG

“O Worship the King”

Highland Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We were afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We did not want to hear what ‘they’ might say and our salt dissolved as if in water. Forgive us, Jesus. Lord, you placed us in the world to be its light. We were afraid of the shadows, afraid of the poverty. We did not want to know ‘difficult’ people and our light slowly faded away. Forgive us, Jesus. Lord, you placed us in the world to live in community. Thus you taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and for justice, Your truth incarnate in our lives. So be it, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-39

GIVING (Responsive)

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.

Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service.

We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

MESSAGE

A New Normal, week 4: "Obedience, Preparation & Willingness to Share"

Rev. Chip Stapleton

THANKSGIVING VIDEO

SONG

"10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman

Chris Jackson, Terry Morris, Jennifer Jackson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"God of Our Fathers"

Cathy Wilson, organ

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