

Highland Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship, July 18

PRESERVICE MEDITATION

Don Gaylord

PRELUDE

Minuet no. 2

J. S. Bach

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered to worship God.

All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath o live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE #293

This Is My Father's World

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, when we deprive others of that same opportunity, **All: forgive us.**

One: When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, **All: forgive us.**

One: When we label other as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are, **All: forgive us.**

One: When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, **All: forgive us.**

One: When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, **All: forgive us.**

One: God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

All: You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

One: You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

All: So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

One: the lonely and the outcast,

All: and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jen Jammer

OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 4:3-25

ANTHEM

2nd Mile

MESSAGE

VBS Videos from kids

Jen Jammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches

Michael Jothen

(Please see the screen for the refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn of Promise
Pam Langston, organ

Natalie Sleeth

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary
today to the Glory of God and in

Memory of my husband, John Mason

Given by *Charlotte Mason*