

# Highland Presbyterian Church

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Sunday Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.



Jesus answered, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.”

Highland Presbyterian Church seeks to be a *diverse* and *inclusive* Christian Community as we embody the love and forgiveness of Jesus by serving the Community and the World, drawing people to Christ.

Prelude

*Restore My Soul*

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## Gathering

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Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Susan Ambler

One: Lift your hearts, raise your voices,

**All: Let us join the heavenly host who forever sing God's Glory**

One: Let us hear our shepherd's voice today

**All: Let us follow God gladly.**

**All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymn 81

Call to Confession

Susan Ambler

Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Time for the Children

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

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## The Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Susan Ambler

Shepherd of Souls,  
you call us to an abundant feast  
at the table of your word;  
open our hearts to feed on your goodness,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we might dwell evermore deeply in you.

Amen.

**Holy Scripture**

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Sermon

"The Work We Do"

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Special Music

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Highland Choir

Statement of Faith (Communal)

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory	<i>Something Beautiful</i>	Gaither
Doxology		Hymn 609

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving (**Communal**)

Holy God, Divine Shepherd,  
you anoint us with the oil of gladness;  
your love overflows our hearts.  
Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in  
you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Free Little Neighborhood Dedication

One: When did we give you something to drink?

**All: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.**

One: When did we give you something to eat?

**All: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.**

One: When did you give you clothes, look after you or care for you?

**All: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.**

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## Sending

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*Closing Hymn	<i>Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom</i>	Hymn 174
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\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

Postlude	<i>Recessional in C</i>	Wagner
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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

## 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can-not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show-ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re-move.



On the rock of a - ges found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man-na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise

God, in Jesus ful-ly known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.