

Highland Presbyterian Church

September 11th, 2022
Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner
who repents.'

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.

*asterisk indicated where to stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Hornpipe

Purcell

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leonard Blankner

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak (vv. 1–4)

Hymn 722

Call to Confession

Leonard Blankner

Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Assurance of Pardon

Leonard Blankner

Sunday School Blessing

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leonard Blankner

Mighty God, By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Luke 15:1–10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Anthem

A Woman and a Coin

Highland Choir

Sermon

“Lost & Found, Part 1”

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Statement of Faith (Communal)

The 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 of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He arose again 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 living 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.

Offering of Our Gifts

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Jeremy Lloyd

Offertory

Softly and Gently Jesus is Calling

Thompson / Wood

Doxology

Hymn 609

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Communal)

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives.

Gather our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. 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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow

Hymn 22

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Lillenas / Johnson

Upcoming Events at Highland Presbyterian

Next MAY Event

On Sunday, September 18 the youth of Highland are invited to Farragut Presbyterian Church for dinner and a night of board games and fun! Dinner will start at 5:00 pm so we will leave from Highland at 4:30 pm. We will carpool together so RSVP to Pastor Matthew if your child would like to go.

Fall Book Study this Week

Highland's fall book study *Wait, Is This Racist?* will begin this week with a meeting on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm on Zoom and Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church's parlor.

Happy Highlanders

Happy Highlanders will meet on **September 20, 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be honoring Joann Booker with a potluck lunch. We will also have storyteller and retired pastor Jean Davidson as our guest. Please bring a dish to share (beverages and dessert are provided). After lunch, weather permitting, we will move outside to the pavilion for storytelling. While inside, please wear a mask, per Jean's request.

Weekly Schedule for September 11th – September 18th

Sunday, September 11 – Sunday Worship – **10:30 a.m.** Session – **11:30 a.m.**

Monday –

Tuesday – Highland Quilters- **9 a.m.** Book Study – **7:00 p.m.** on Zoom

Wednesday – Book Study – **10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor; OA – **Noon**

Thursday – Girl Scouts – **7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Friday -

Saturday – Basket Group – **All Day in the Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, September 18 – Sunday Worship – **10:30 a.m.**; MAY **5:00 pm** at Farragut Presbyterian

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

22 God of the Sparrow

C Em Am Dm G
 1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

C F E7 Am Em F Em
 swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

Am Dm Gsus G C
 How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.