**Highland Presbyterian Church**

May 8th, 2022

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

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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* Lister

**Gathering**

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

**The Word**

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  *Something Beautiful*  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.**

**Sending**

\*Closing Hymn  *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* Hymn 174

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

Postlude *Recessional in C* Wagner



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