

Highland Presbyterian Church

June 26th, 2022
Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



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.

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Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury/ Labenske

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Reisinger

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lucille Thares

ONE: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love.

ALL: **We see neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers – a community of kindred hearts.**

ONE: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know.

ALL: **We see strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

ONE: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

ALL: **In each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**

ONE: People of God, come, let us worship together.

*Opening Hymn

Praise God for This Holy Ground

Hymn 405

Call to Confession

Lucille Thares

Prayer of Confession (Communal)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Lucille Thares

One: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

All: **We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Thanks be to God!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lucille Thares

O God, you alone are our Judge.
Send your Spirit of truth
to expose our self-deception
and challenge our complacency
so that we may surrender to your mercy
and follow your will
through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Luke 7:1—10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.”

And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Sermon

“Crossing the Line”

Rev. Susan Reisinger

Statement of Faith (Communal)

(from the United Church of Canada)

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,**

to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory "The Creation" by James Wheldon Johnson
Lucille Thares

Doxology Hymn 609

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Communal)**

God, who sees no boundaries, as we offer our gifts enlarge our vision and our hearts to follow you wherever you send us, and praise you at all times. 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 *This is My Song* Hymn 340

*Charge and Benediction

This is My Song

Hymn 340

Postlude

The Solid Rock

Bradbury / Shackley