



**Lake Highlands UMC
Traditional Worship
January 17, 2021**

Prelude

Hannah Payne, pianist

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jill Jackson-Sears

- Welcome to Lake Highlands UMC!
- We encourage all of you to take a few moments to check in on our website www.lhumc.com/onlineworship.
- If you are joining us online we would be happy to serve communion to you until 12:15pm just in front of the Welcome Center doors in the McCree Parking lot.

Announcements:

- We are excited to announce that **Alpha online** starts on February 24th and so if you are looking for a study to help you understand the basis of the Christian faith, we encourage you to sign up for Alpha. Anyone can take this from anywhere in the country which is actually true for any of our groups. You can register for our groups at www.lhumc.com/groups
- Today is the day to drop **Bibles and Blankets!** You can donate a new Bible to our LHUMC Outreach Ministry and Kairos Prison Ministry. The blanket will be donated to a local Girl Scout troop that is collecting blankets for the homeless population in Dallas! There will be donation buckets outside the welcome center doors on Sunday, January 17th until 3pm.
- Our church is hosting a **blood drive** in the Plano Road parking lot next Sunday, January 24th through Carter Blood Care. So, let us continue to love our neighbors by supporting our blood drive. To sign up you can go to our website: www.lhumc.com

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Whose story is this?

All: This story is God's alone to tell.

Leader: It hums in the rivers and the trees,

All: It whispers in the skies and the seas,

Leader: It calls to the people of all places,

All: It speaks in our hearts and in our lives.

Leader: Why then should we speak of this story?

All: This story calls our name in Creation,

Leader: It claims our lives through the cross,

All: It shapes our future through the Spirit,

We are its telling in this time and this place.

Hymn #529 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand"

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Opening Prayer:

Liturgist

Once again, we've heard God's story - a story of love and faithfulness, of mercy and compassion. As God's people, we are called to bring this story to the world, to tell and re-tell it by our words and our actions, so that others may hear and join the story, too. Help us to share joy and courage, strengthened and sustained in your storytelling by the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Liturgist

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 Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
The third day He arose 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Ministry Moment

Offering

Sunday morning offerings look a whole lot different than they used to. We ask you to please take a few moments now and click on the give button www.lhumc.com/give on our website or take a few moments to write a check to Lake Highlands UMC. There will also be some offering baskets as you exit the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts.

Offering Prayer

Anthem

“Children of God”

Mark Hayes

Children of God, children of God, we shall be called the children of God.
Loving the world, sharing God’s peace, we shall be called the children of God.
With eyes full of compassion for the multitudes, hands to touch the lepers and the lame,
Arms to hold the hurting and the prodigals, offer love and peace in Jesus’ name.
Children of God, children of God, we shall be called the children of God.
Loving the world, sharing God’s peace, we shall be called the children of God.
Listen to the empty cries of loneliness, souls imprisoned, yearning for release.
Drawing from the fullness of the Savior’s love, offer gifts of fellowship and peace.
Speak a word of love to a wounded heart; to the troubled spirit whisper peace.
Happy are the ones who share the love of God, knowing that God’s love will never cease.
Children of God, children of God, we shall be called the children of God.
Loving the world, sharing God’s peace, we shall be called the children of God.
We are God’s children, yes, we are God’s children!....

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jill Jackson-Sears

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Scripture

2 Peter 1:2-8

Pastor Andy Roberts

Message

“Biblically Shaped: God's Story and Our Story”

Pastor Andy Roberts

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor Andy Roberts

INVITATION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON:

ALL: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

The pastor may raise hands.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

The pastor may raise hands.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,

now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn #374 Standing on the Promises

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promise I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior is my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Benediction

Pastor Andy Roberts

Postlude

"Let All Together Praise Our God"
Kathi Best, organist

Paul Manz