

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

---

July 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*The pealing bell calls us to worship, reminding us to  
quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare  
for the worship of the living God.*

## The Gathering of the People of God

Opportunities in Church Life

Prelude “There is a Spirit that delights to do no evil...” Ned Rorem  
from *A Quaker Reader*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

One: Lord, you have searched us and know us;  
you discern our thoughts from afar.

**All: Where can we go to escape your Spirit?  
Where can we flee from your presence?**

One: If we climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if we make the grave our bed, you are there.

**All: Search out our restless thoughts, and know our hearts;  
and lead us in the way that is everlasting!**

Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

## The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God,  
we confess to you and to one another that time after time  
we have entered your presence with countless prayers  
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.  
We have lifted our voices to you in praise,  
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.  
We have rehearsed your commandments  
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.  
Forgive us, O God. Grant us your healing and make us new,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.*

---

\* You are invited to rise in body, or in spirit.

GTG = Glory to God Hymnal

## The Word for the People of God

A Word of Welcome

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson          Psalm 42          Page 515

One: The Word of the Lord.      All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson      Luke 11:1–13          Page 72

One: The Word of the Lord.      All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                              *Loving the Questions:*          Randy Harris  
What Happens When We Pray?

## The Response of the People of God

\*Hymn 472                              “Kum ba Yah”                              KUM BA YAH

\*Affirmation of Faith                              from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**

**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us**

**personal lives that are centered in God**

**and open to God's reality and rule.**

**It is part of our discipline**

**to observe a day of worship and rest,**

**setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,**

**celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others**

**with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,**

**confident that God hears and answers our prayers**

**in ways best for us all.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,**

**for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,**

**we cannot love God whom we do not see. Amen.**

Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Robert Leaf

Summer Choir

Let the whole creation cry: 'Glory to the Lord on high!  
Heav'n and earth awake and sing, God is good and therefore King!  
*Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon uplift your voice, night and stars, in God rejoice!*

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold,  
And let children's happy hearts in this worship bear their parts.

Let the whole creation cry: 'Glory to the Lord on high!  
Those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
*(Stopford Brooke)*

\*Doxology

GTG 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

**The Sending Forth of the People of God**

\*Hymn 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

\*Charge and Benediction

*The ringing of the bell, symbolizing the Trinity, marks the end of  
the service. Please remain in the pew until the bell is silenced.*

\*Postlude “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Hymn 267) Neil Harmon

# Welcome to Highland

---

**We extend a warm welcome** to all who come to this sanctuary today. May you find in this place and among the people gathered here grace and peace from the living Christ who has promised to be present when we gather in his name.

**If you are visiting with us today**, please include your contact information on the friendship pad that is passed during the service. If you are a college or graduate school student, add your school name as well.

**Large-print Bibles**, bulletins, and hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**A Loop Assisted Hearing System** is in place in Highland's Sanctuary. You can access this service by switching your hearing aid's T-coil to "On" and adjusting the volume control if needed; you may also request a headset from an usher.

## **Summer Childcare during 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Infants & Mothers/Fathers** • Room 216 — Friendly childcare space on the sanctuary level where parents can tend to the needs of their infant and still be able to hear the service.

**Infants & Toddlers** • Room 112 — Childcare on the first floor, Education Building, staffed by a paid caregiver from Salem Sitters and Highland nursery volunteers.

**Ages 2–4** • Room 301 — Following the Children's Time, these children go to the "Worship Story-time Class" located on the third floor of the Education Building. Children gather in a circle for storytelling, singing, and then are free to create and play.

**Ages 5 and older** — Following the Children's Time, these children are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary. Worship activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.

## Worship Notes

---

**Following worship, Lemonade in the Shade** provides an opportunity for informal fellowship for all ages. All are invited to gather on the front patio after worship each week during the summer months.

**Our acolyte** today is Will Gardner.

**Chancel flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of her son, Tom Paxton, by Teeny Paxton.

**Narthex flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred and Gladys Swing and Bob and Jody Connell by their children, Jim and Carrie Swing who were married yesterday in our Sanctuary.

**Text-Giving.** To give via smart phone, text the word *highland* to 73256 and follow the instructions. We are thankful for your generous sharing!

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16,** please pray for Ed Adams; David, Jenny, Jack, Victor and Elizabeth Brooks; Tim and Rose Lynne Bowman; Kay Dillon; Rich, Joyce, Maddie and Richmond Griner; Jené Krall; Janice McBride; Brian, Laura, Thomas and Will Moretz; Megan Bryant, Dan Prosterman, Clara and Sam Bryant-Prosterman; Kevin and Robin Spainhour; Carol West. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

## Calendar

---

### Sunday July 16

- 9:00 a.m. Present Word Class, Room 124
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir, Room 101
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided)
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Slate Patio
- 4:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, Fellowship Hall

### Monday July 17

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

### Thursday June 20

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, AB 3
- 8:00 p.m. Young Adult Study Group, Five Points Restaurant

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the weekly newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall. Check [www.highlandpres.org](http://www.highlandpres.org), for changes or cancellations.