

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 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 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship the Lord our God,

All: the creator of the heavens and the earth,

One: the beginning and the end,

All: the source of light, life, joy, and hope,

One: the fountain of all goodness, justice, and truth.

All: Let us worship the Living God!

Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 664 “Morning Has Broken”

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The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined**

toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,

to ambition and pride, which often give rise

to discord and bitter feelings between others and us.

Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you.

Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing

you have promised the peacemakers,

who shall be called the children of God.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

Assurance of God’s Love

*Gloria Patri

GTG 581

* 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 Exodus 19:3–6 Page 65

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

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:1–3, 9–18 Page 161

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Sermon *Loving the Questions:* Randy Harris

What Is of Our Christian Faith,
and What Is of Our Culture?

The Response of the People of God

*Hymn 379 “We Shall Overcome” WE SHALL OVERCOME

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

**The church has its ongoing story with God.
The church’s story with God did not end
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.
Across the centuries the company of believers
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.
The church has been persecuted by hostile societies,
but it has also known times of privilege and power
when it joined forces with dominant cultures.
It has sought holiness through separation from society,
as well as through involvement in the world’s affairs.
It has experienced life-giving reformations.
It has known missionary expansion throughout the world,
but also periods of dwindling resources and influence.
It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations,
but it has also labored for cooperation and union.
We confess we are heirs of this whole story.
We are charged to remember our past,
to be warned and encouraged by it,
but not to live it again.**

**Now is the time of our testing
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.
We are called to live now as God's servants
in the service of people everywhere. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer, *GTG* p. 35 Mac Smyth

Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music "With Verdure Clad" (from *The Creation*) Joseph Haydn
Mary Mendenhall, soprano

With verdure clad the fields appear delightful to the ravish'd sense; by flowers sweet
and gay enhanced is the charming sight.

Here vent their fumes the fragrant herbs; here shoots the healing plant.

With loads of fruits the expanded boughs are pressed; to shady vaults are bent the
tufty groves. The mountain's brow is crowned with closed wood.

(Gottfried van Swieten)

*Doxology *GTG* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending Forth of the People of God

*Hymn 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH

*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 "Triumphant March on Darwall's 148th" Andrew Clark

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 guest Organist today is Reid Gilliam.

Our acolyte today is Will Gardner.

Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of his mother, Susan Upchurch Alexander, by Ray Collins and family.

Highland's Boy Scout Troop 722 will award the rank of Eagle Scout to six scouts in a service following worship this morning. All are welcome to stay and celebrate this accomplishment.

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 AUGUST 13**, please pray for Sue Alloway; Charlie and Melrose Buchanan; Mark and Susan Doughton; Kelly, Eric, Casey and Reid Gunzenhauser; Tom and Betty Jones; Sonjia Kurosky; Dick Murgas; Kent Reeves; Courtney Stevens; Glenn and Becki West; David and Jan White.

The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)

Calendar

Sunday August 13

9:00 a.m. Present Word Class, Room 124

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (nursery provided)

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Slate Patio

11:30 a.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary

Monday August 14

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Salem Room

7:00 p.m. Faith & Film,
The Sherwood Restaurant

Thursday August 17

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, for changes or cancellations.