

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 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

Moment for Mission	<i>Crop Walk</i>	Raegan Dalbo
Prelude (8:30)	“Adagio”	Georg Muffat
(11:00) “Happy Land” (from <i>American Folk Hymn Suite</i>)		Dale Wood
	Bell Choir with Henry Tysinger, piano	

Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters, come and worship!

All: For we are a chosen people, royal priests,

One: a holy nation,

All: God’s very own family!

One: Let us proclaim together the goodness of God

All: who has called us out of darkness into marvelous light!

Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

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

GTG = *Glory to God Hymnal*

to the glory of your holy name.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

Assurance of God's Love

*Response "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG 582

The Word for the People of God

A Word of Welcome

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 19:1-9 Page 65

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

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Page 233

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

Sermon *The Enduring Spirit of Protestantism:* Debbie Layman
Priesthood of All Believers

The Response of the People of God

*Hymn 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed GTG p. 35

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer, GTG p. 35 Robbie Grier

Our Gifts to God

Voluntary (8:30) "All Glory Be to God on High" Friedrich Zachau

Anthem (11:00) "O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight"
Chancel Choir arr. David Peninger

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, resort with thy sheep, to feed them in pastures of
love? O why in the valley of death should I weep, or alone in this wilderness rove?

O why should I wander, an alien from thee, or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see, and smile at the tears I have shed.

Restore, my dear Savior, the light of thy face; thy soul-cheering comfort impart;
And let those sweet tokens of thy pardoning grace bring joy to my desolate heart.

(Text by Joseph Swain)

*Doxology

GTG 606

*Prayer of Dedication

**Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts.
We return to you, through the ministry and outreach
of this church, a portion of all that you have entrusted to us.
We promise that these offerings
will not be the end of our giving.
We will also invest our time and abilities
in your work of healing, comforting, teaching,
guiding, and proclaiming good news.
Bless each gift, whatever its size,
and multiply the good to be done
through our talents and treasure.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Sending Forth of the People of God

*Hymn 361

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

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*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

“Ricercare on ‘St. Anne’” (Hymn 687)

Gordon Young

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.

Childcare is available on Sunday mornings at Highland:

During the **8:30 Worship Service**, bring children to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance.

During the **9:30–10:30 Education Hour**, bring *infants* and *toddlers* to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance. *Pre-school children* meet on the third floor in rooms near the Cloverdale Avenue entrance.

During the **11:00 Worship Service**, bring *infants* and *toddlers* to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance. Children *ages 2–3* meet in Room 301 on the third floor following the Time for Young Disciples. Children *ages 4–5* meet in Room 306 on the third floor following the Time for Young Disciples.

During both worship services, we also offer a room for **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.

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.

Between worship services, Highland offers Christian education for all ages. Information about locations can be found on bulletin boards in the second floor hallway and the first floor elevator hallway. You may also ask a deacon or an elder for directions.

Worship Notes

Our acolyte today is Anna Grace Yurkutat.

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 OCTOBER 8**, please pray for Jim and Betty Balsler; Susan Blaylock; Laura and Brandon Byrd; David and Ben Dupont; Peter Harrington; Bob and Emelda Lawing; Dillon and Karen Robertson; Jim and Carrie Swing; Scott, Farra, Julie and Kaylee Wilson. *The Lord bless you and keep you.* (Numbers 6:24)

Calendar

Sunday October 8

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided), Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Officer Preparation, Ardmore Room
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth, AB 3
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth, AB 4

Monday October 9

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Room
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood Restaurant

Tuesday October 10

- 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, AB 4

- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Gloria Choir, Room 101
- 5:30 p.m. Chime Choir, Room 100
- 5:30 p.m. Study Hall (Grades 3-5), Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Fling Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir, Room 101
- 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Peacemaker, Ardmore Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 101

Thursday October 12

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 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.