

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 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 *Opening Doors to Discipleship* Megan Bryant
Clara Bryant Prosterman

Prelude “Our Father, Who in Heaven Art” Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

One: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: to live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together,

All: justice and peace join hands.

One: If Christ’s disciples keep silent

All: these stones would shout aloud.

One: Open our lips, O God,

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, Healer of all our relationships, we admit
that we have not loved you or our neighbors as you command.
Because of where we live or what we do,
we begin to think we are better than others.
How subtly we look down on persons
who are a different color or race or tongue.**

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

GTG = *Glory to God Hymnal*

**We find it easy to like people similar to us,
and to turn away from those who are not like us.
As we muffle your commandment which challenges
our comfort and prejudice, we fall into spiritual peril.
Forgive us, O God.**

Teach us the liberating power of genuine love.

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

Anthem (11:00) "Canticle of the Turning" Rory Cooney
Youth Choir

Steve McCullough, tin whistle

The text of this anthem may be found at Hymn 100.

The Word for the People of God

A Word of Welcome

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 46 Page 517

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

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:18–25 Page 158

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

Sermon "Living into God's Future" Doug Baker

The Response of the People of God

*Hymn 346 "For the Healing of the Nations" ST. THOMAS

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

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

Our Gifts to God

Voluntary (8:30) "Be Thou My Vision" David Lasky

Anthem (11:00) “Saints Bound for Heaven” arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker
Chancel Choir

Our bondage it shall end by and by, by and by, our bondage it shall end by and by.
From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we’ll return by
and by, by and by, and to Canaan we’ll return by and by.

Our Deliverer he shall come by and by, by and by, our Deliverer he shall come by
and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten, and vast
glory crown the day by and by, by and by, and vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan’s floods we are come, we are come, and when to Jordan’s
floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters he’ll divide, and the ran-
somed host shall shout we are come, we are come, and the ransomed host shall
shout we are come.

Then with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice, we’ll rejoice, and with all the happy
throng we’ll rejoice! Shouting glory to our king, till the vaults of heaven ring, and
through all eternity we’ll rejoice, we’ll rejoice, and through all eternity we’ll rejoice!

(Traditional Spiritual)

*Doxology

GTG 606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending Forth of the People of God

*Hymn 702

“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

*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

“Our Father, Who in Heaven Art”

Johann Pachelbel

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 Caroline Yurkutat.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of their mother and grandmother, Nina Elizabeth Wills Combes, by Debbie, Jim, and David Cesta and Melissa and Wills Combes.

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 15**, please pray for Ruth Banbury; John Calhoun; Dick and Jan Crane; Liz Dupont; Randy, Carol Ann, Marshall and Morgan Harris; Bob, Kelly, Walt and Anne McLain Laws; Ed, Patti, Scott and Laura Nicklas; Buddy Robinson; BJ Swing. *The Lord bless you and keep you.* (Numbers 6:24)

Calendar

Sunday October 15

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
12:20 p.m. Youth Choir, Room 101
2:00 p.m. Crop Walk, Corpening Plaza
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Fellowship, AB 3
5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Fellowship, AB 4

Monday October 16

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Room

Tuesday October 17

9:30 p.m. XYZers, Highland Parking Lot

Wednesday October 18

5:00 p.m. Gloria Choir, Room 101
5:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting, Library
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. Bible Study, Ardmore Room
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 101

Thursday October 19

9:00 a.m. POAMN Conference, Activity Building
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Ardmore Room
6:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, AB 3
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Salem Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Performance, Aperture Theater
7:00 p.m. Community Service Committee, AB 4
8:00 p.m. Young Adults Study Group, Five Points

Saturday October 21

10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall