



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving for Altar Guild: Kelly Kitchens, April Sides

Serving as Ushers: Jeff Ferrell, Dinks Gaskin

Serving as Acolytes: Michele Nailen, Haley Rocks, Jason Rocks, Nancy Wells

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Lay Reader: Don Delashaw

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Richard Fender, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on SCHMÜCKE DICH

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Opus 122

(Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness)

Text, UMH page 612

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Descant Setting: Richard Phillips

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.

*THE PEACE

*VENITE

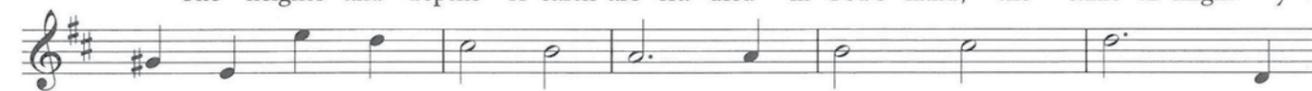
Psalm 95

Musical Setting: DARWALL'S 148TH

Come, Sing With Joy to God



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sav-ior praise; come en - ter in with
The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might - y



shouts of joy, your voic - es raise. O might - y God, You
power made moun - tains, sea, and land. Come wor - ship God, come



are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.
kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.



We Welcome Our Guests

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith.

We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.

† All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family.

† Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.

† Please pick up a guest welcome bag after worship to learn more about Highlands. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.

† Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.



Vision Statement

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ: a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.

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PSALM 119:33-40 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments, *for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decrees *and not to unjust gain.
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant, *which you make to those who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread, *because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments; *in your righteousness preserve my life.

(The people stand at the Gloria Patri and sit for the lesson.)

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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord
The Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, teach me, teach me the way Thy statutes;
And I shall keep it, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Text, Psalm 119: 33

*THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Deb Welsh

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me Lord
The Choir

Lead me LORD, lead me in Thy righteousness, make my way plain before my face.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Text, Psalm 5:8; 4:8

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake
The Choir

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin an decline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Text, selected texts from the scriptures

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Alleluia

Pfister

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Praise ye the Lord.

You highest heaven and you the earth,
Lift up your voices, Singing to the Lord!
You sun and moon, You shining stars,
Lift up your voices, Singing to the Lord!
You deep sea creatures, You flying birds,
Lift up your voices, Singing to the Lord!
You beasts and cattle, You creeping things,
Lift up your voices, Singing to the Lord!

*SEQUENCE HYMN 175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:38-48

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reggie Holder

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 67

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sevenfold Amen
The Choir

Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931)

After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Cathedral Fugue in E Flat

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ... are given with gratitude and love for making HUMC our home for these past five years. We will miss you all! Casey and Lynn Mickelson

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Transfiguration Sunday, February 26 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. | Service of Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday, March 1 at noon and 6:30 p.m. | Imposition of Ashes
First Sunday of Lent, March 5 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. | Morning Prayers with The Great Litany
Vespers Service, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. | Lenten Contemplative Worship