

# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 14, 2023**

Morning Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School and Communities - 9:45 a.m.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 14, 2023

## Gathering Song

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Words: Strasbourg Psalter, 1545  
Tr. By Elizabeth L Smith, 1868,  
alt. 1961  
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Arr. by Mike Murphy, 2019

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

When the Spirit Breathes Upon the Word

When the Spirit breathes upon the Word,  
and it brings the truth to sight,  
precepts and promises of old – a sanctifying light,  
a sanctifying light.

A certain glory, shining like the sun,  
majestic, gilds the sacred page,  
imparts His brilliance and abiding light  
from age to age, His light from age to age.

Words: William Cowper, 1779  
Alt. by Joseph Wheat  
and Mike Murphy, 2020

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Come, let us keep the feast!**

I Corinthians 5:7-8

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

The musical score is written in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 2/4 time at the end of the first line. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff.

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,  
 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor  
 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him;

to His feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re -  
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress; praise Him, still the  
 ye be - hold Him face to face; sun and moon, bow

stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
 same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 down be - fore Him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er -  
 praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glor - ious in His  
 praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the

last - ing King.  
 faith - ful - ness.  
 God of grace.

Words by Henry Lyte, 1834. Music by John Goss, 1869. Arranged by Mike Murphy. © 2018 MikeMurphySound

## The Missionary Testimony

Jim and Mary Alice Patterson

Mission to the World (Wycliffe/JAARS)

## The Morning Prayer

## **We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*At the 8:30 a.m. service, please place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. Offering plates will be passed at the 10:50 a.m. service. To give online, please visit [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on page 10 of the bulletin.*

### **Offertory: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Words: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **The New Testament Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

## **We Receive God's Word**

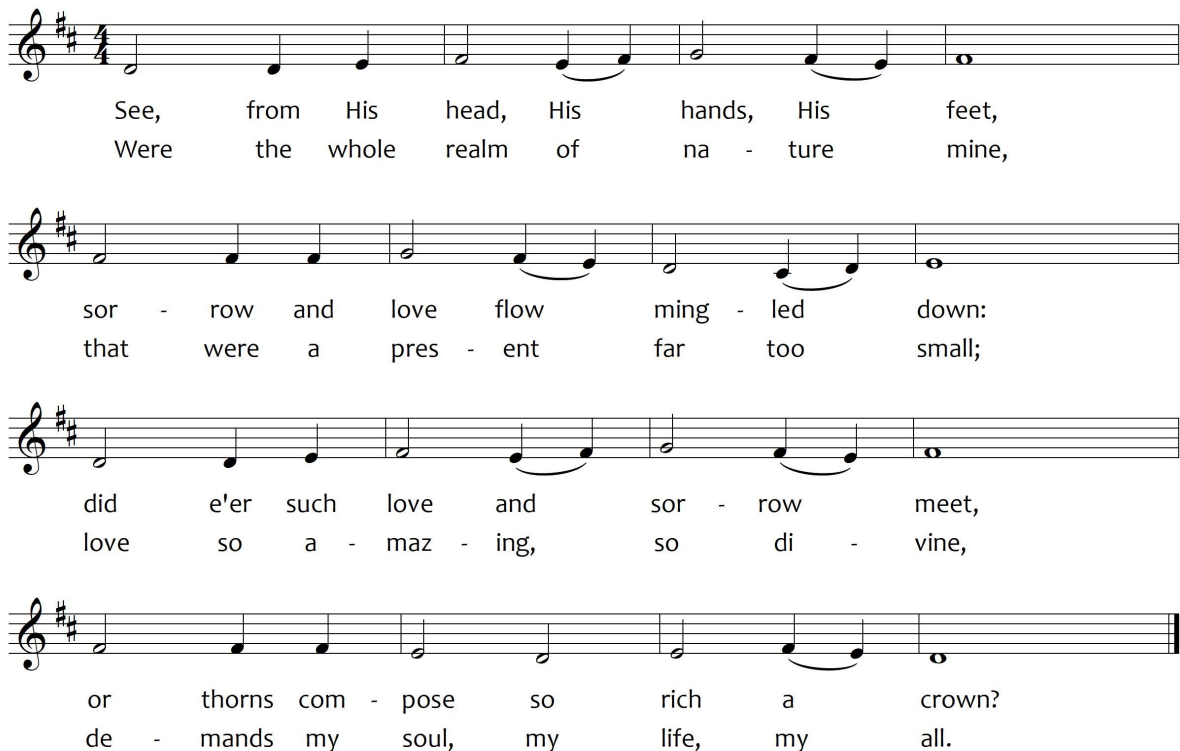
The Rev. Joseph Wheat

**DOES JESUS MATTER?**

**"Jesus Sees"**

# The Communion Hymn

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,  
sor - row and love flow ming - led down:  
that were a pres - ent far too small;  
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words by Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian Chant. Arranged by Lowell Mason, 1824.

# The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

Words: Annie Hawks,  
Alt. Kevin Twit  
Music, Kevin Twit, 1998

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee ev'ry hour; stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, O, I need Thee, O, I need Thee ev'ry hour.

I need You, Lord: O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

## Amazing Grace




1. A - ma - zing grace how sweet the  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to  
5. And when this flesh and heart shall  
6. When we've been there ten thous - and



sound That saved a wretch like me  
fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;  
snares I have al - read - y come;  
me, His Word my hope se - cures;  
fail, and mor - tal life shall cease,  
years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



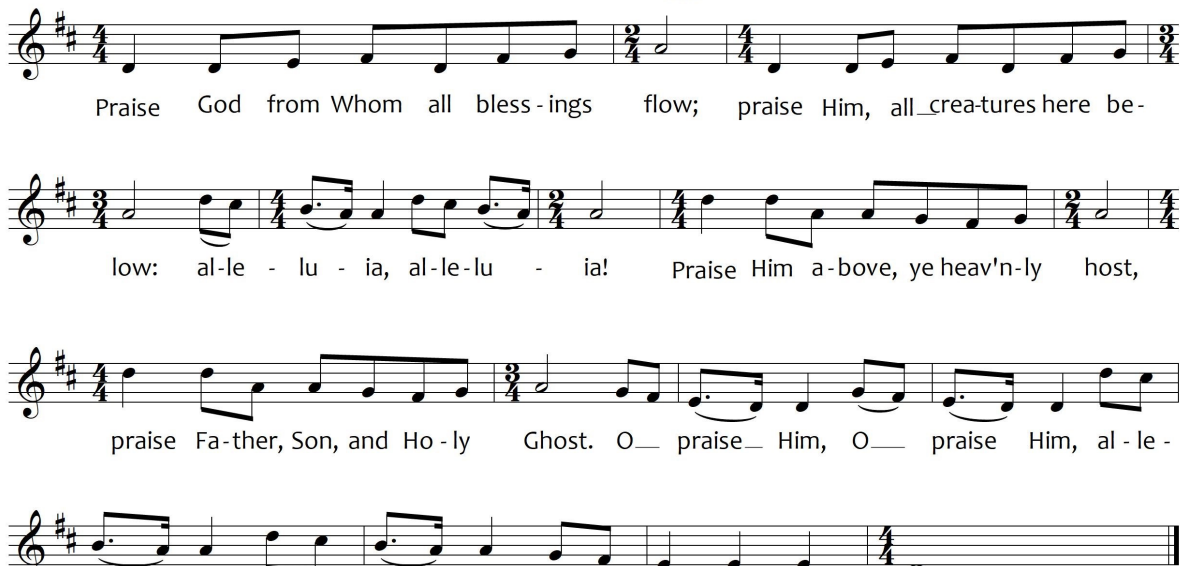
I once was lost, but now am  
How pre - cious did that grace ap -  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus  
He will my strength and por - tion  
I shall po - sess with - in the  
We've no less days to sing God's



found Was blind, but now I see.  
 pear, The hour I first be - lieved!  
 far, and grace will lead me home.  
 be, as long as life en - dures.  
 veil a life of joy and peace.  
 praise than when we first be - gun.

Words: St. 1-5 by John Newton, 1779; St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790. Traditional American Tune.  
 Arranged by Mike Murphy. © 2013 MikeMurphySound

## The Doxology



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures here be -  
 low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host,  
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O\_\_ praise\_\_ Him, O\_\_ praise Him, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225. Trans. by William Draper, 1926. Traditional German Melody, 1623.

## The Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Highlands Church Picnic, May 21, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.:** Join us on Sunday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Highlands for the annual church picnic. Our kids will play on space jumps and outdoor games while we enjoy live music under the tent. BBQ sandwich dinners are available for \$5; family max is \$20. A hot dog option is also available. You can pay online at [highlandspca.org/events](http://highlandspca.org/events) or in person. Bring your favorite ice cream to share...homemade or store bought!

**Young Adults Grill-out, June 4, 12:30 p.m.:** Young Adults are invited to join Wesley and Catherine Rule at their home at 141 N. Wheatley Street in Ridgeland for a Grill-out immediately following the second service on June 4. This will be a great time to fellowship together with the entire family! We will have the Rooted and Bridge classes together with anyone else that would like to join. Mark your calendars and look for registration info soon! For any questions, contact Wesley Rule at [wesley@highlandspca.org](mailto:wesley@highlandspca.org) or at 601.622.0035.

**VBS Registration is now open:** Come to Babylon June 5-9 from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day. Join Daniel — torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture. All children who have completed Pre-K 4 ~ 5th grade can register at [highlandspca.org/events](http://highlandspca.org/events).

**Snacks for VBS Volunteers:** We have over 70 youth and adult volunteers planning to serve during the week of VBS, and we'd like to show our appreciation by providing special snacks for them each day. If you'd like to bring something yummy to feed our busy crew, please sign up at [Highlandspca.org/events](http://Highlandspca.org/events). Monetary donations are also welcome! Checks should be made payable to HPC.

**Members of the SrHi Yakama Mission Team are currently raising support for our trip this summer and are available for manual labor, odd jobs, and babysitting.** If you need help around your home or business, or need a babysitter please consider hiring a Yakama Team member. To hire a team member or for questions, please contact Billy Meenan by email at [Billy@highlandspca.org](mailto:Billy@highlandspca.org) or by phone at 813-727-0487.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, *continued*

**Women's Summer Study Series ~ "Entrusted to be Invested":** All women are invited to the Summer Study Series beginning June 21 from 6:00pm-7:30pm to focus on First Timothy. We will discover the good deposit of sound doctrine that has been entrusted to each of us and how we can invest and steward these rich gifts to strengthen His Church and our families. We will meet for six consecutive Wednesday nights in Room 210, finishing July 26. Discussion will be led by six different women. Light refreshments will be served. Nursery available only upon request.

This is a great time to connect with women of all ages and enjoy fellowship. The workbook/journal is available to purchase at [highlandspca.org/women](http://highlandspca.org/women). Contact Laurie Nordan at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org) for more information.

### **Save the date!**

- August 27: Men's Steak Supper, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm

**WE NEED GREETERS!** A warm, friendly welcome is a gift to members and guests alike. Greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. at the early service or between 10:25 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for the late service. *You can volunteer for as many or as few slots as you like!* Please sign up to serve, either as a couple or as an individual, at [highlandspca.org/greeters](http://highlandspca.org/greeters).

## NOTICE OF SABBITICAL

Several years ago, our Session (Ruling Elders) approved a regular sabbatical program for our pastors and staff. Brad Mercer's sabbatical will be June 1 through July 16. He is eligible for a longer sabbatical, but he has expressed a desire to be away for a shorter period of time.

Please be in prayer for Brad and Cindy as they prepare for and take this important time away from their busy lives. Pray that they would return to us refreshed and renewed. Before our pastors begin their time away, they recommend a book for the congregation, the Session, and the Diaconate to read. Brad has chosen *The Hole in Our Holiness: Filling the Gap between Gospel Passion and the Pursuit of Godliness*, by Kevin DeYoung. We encourage you to read this book this summer!

## GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH MAY 7, 2023

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. You may place your offering in the offering plate during the worship service or in one of the four wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, and at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can also be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org). The QR code to the right links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget 2023	\$2,427,829
General Fund Budget through May, 2023	\$801,183
General Fund giving received through 5/7/23	\$775,945



Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **All Youth**

*Visitors, please join us in anything you see below. The Youth building is behind the church (we call it “The U”).*

- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in The U
- Small Groups: On break for the summer
- Youth Group: On break until May 24

### **SrHi**

- June 17-24: Yakama Mission Trip, Yakama Indian Reservation, WA
- July 10-15: - RYM Florida, Panama City, FL

### **JrHi**

- June 19-23: The Edge Conference, Chattanooga, TN.

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# SERMON NOTES

## DOES JESUS MATTER?

“Jesus Sees”

May 14, 2023

Mark 10:46-52

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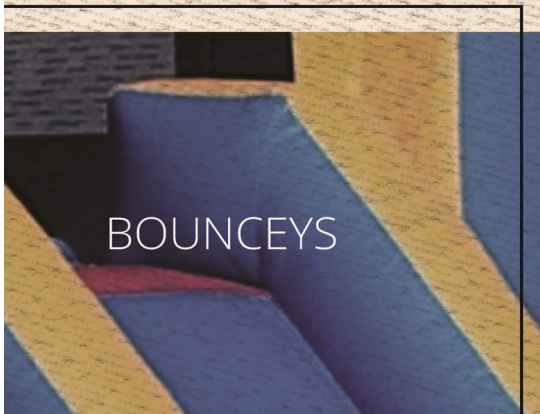
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MAY 21, 5PM-7PM



MUSIC



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