



HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JULY 1, 2018

6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST –
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

“And They Laughed At Him”

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him... He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease." He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. (from Mark 5)

**WELCOME TO
COMMUNION SUNDAY!**

God's people will be gathered today at the table of peace and grace.

Today is the 6th Sunday after Pentecost and the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today, we come to table as a community of faith. This week we celebrate the founding of a nation for which freedom to worship as one chooses was a sacred right.

The Time of Preparation is provided for us to settle ourselves and offer a silent prayer before worship begins. We hope on this Sunday prior to July 4th we will stop and give a listen to a wonderful brass rendition of "America The Beautiful" by the Denver Brass.

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together. We embrace the opportunity to share the good news of what we are doing outside of the sanctuary which is also our 'worship' and our 'service' to God.

Our "**Call to Worship**" leads into our first corporate prayer as the gathered body of Christ. The 'Gathering Prayer' reflects the themes of the day's worship.

Called to 'be the church' we approach God and seek God's presence with us in worship and at the Table

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Celebration of Worship**

July 1, 2018 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

"Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper"

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

((Enter reverently. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another. We pray, seeking God's presence among us as we share the Lord's Supper.))

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the sun which banishes the shadows, in the birds who chorale us awake:

it was you, Creation's Joy, leading us into this new day.

In the touch healing long-grasped grudges, in the laughter of children which nudges us into hope:

it is you, God of the nations, who walks each step of the way with us.

In the compassion melting icy hearts, in the peace silencing our boastful voices:

it will be you, Gentle Wisdom, who guides us into the kingdom.

***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)**

You watch, Timeless God:

as we go hurrying and scurrying about, our worries and fears crowding around us until we can scarcely take a breath.

You wait,

as we struggle to keep up with you, constantly distracted by the fears which drain our faith and hopes.

You hope,

as we go from promise to promise, leaving each one broken behind us, the world bankrupting our dreams.

You watch, you wait, you hope,

and hearing the cries from the depths of our despair and brokenness, you lift us to our feet, breathing new life into us.

God in this and all nations on earth, we offer our hearts to you, even as we pray,

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen."

***GATHEING HYMN** (Commissioned for the 223rd General Assembly)

Draw the Welcome Circle Wider

Refrain

Draw the wel - come cir - cle wid - er. Gath - er
 friends and stran - gers in. Formed of ho - ly breath and
 star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

Verses

1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
 2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
 3. All are ref - u - gees to - geth - er; all are
 4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way in a
 each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
 guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
 wan - d'ers wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
 bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -
 D.C.
 fill, and all the wear - y find their rest.
 fare while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
 arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
 fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

***PASSING THE PEACE** (Please Remain Standing)

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace: a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

***CHORAL RESPONSE:** (Hymn. No. 461, vs. 1)

**“God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.”**

As you know, Dr. Lee attended the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) last week. A new hymn, “Draw the Welcome Circle Wider,” by noted Presbyterian hymn-writer Mary Louise Bringle, was commissioned by the GA223’s Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA). It’s a hymn that reminds us that our church is both welcoming and diverse. The ‘arching gateway’ in vs. 4 refers to the amazing St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Our final ‘gathering act’ we “**Pass the Peace**” as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. In any language, the love of God is translated into peace as we join hands and hearts together. We are re-gathered as a worshiping community with a verse from the Hymn “God Is Here”

Corporate

Confession:

In the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition, we do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. Our prayer today reminds us that we are not simply individuals but citizens of the world seeking the kingdom of God. Our prayer and the "Assurance of Forgiveness" echo themes present in our Epistle lesson for the day.

Today's Offertory Anthem "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" reflects that which all nations should desire before all else, "God's peace." How different would the world be if what we shared first was peace. Not goods, not services and not the world's kind of peace. But God's kind of peace.

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP"

***CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

We know the words we have spoken which have broken a relationship; we know the deeds we have done which separate us from friends and families. We know how we have failed to be faithful followers of Jesus. Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will touch us with the healing power of grace.

All too often, God of Excellence, it is the hem of sin we cling to, letting it drag us through the mud of fear and failures. You offer us that love which will always be with us, but we find it difficult to share it with those who need it most. You fill us with an abundance of gifts, but we think we need them all for ourselves.

Forgive us, God of Gentle Hope. You do not keep a list of all that we have done wrong, but erase our failings and foolishness, writing a new ending for our lives. You touch us with your grace, you lift us to our feet, you strengthen us so we may follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

This is the good news, dear friends: God's love has no ending; God's hope rests upon us each day; God's forgiveness restores us to new life.

Our God listens to us - to our cries, and to our joys; to our hopes and to our hearts. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"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."

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

*"Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.
Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.
Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.
As at communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle; the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.
Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure."*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version)**

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 130 (responsive)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(NT: p.183)

***Mark 5:21-43**

(NT: p. 39)

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

COMMUNION MEDITATION “And They Laughed At Him”

“THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER”

***HYMN AS WE COME TO TABLE NO. 507 “I Come With Joy”** (vss. 1 – 2)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

At this table we welcome old and young.

A place at the table is open. All are invited.

Come, as we share the meal.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

Children of God, sing your praises to the One who has gathered us here.

Our songs of joy travel to the very ends of creation.

It was you, Imaginative God, who whispered and the rumble of creation shook the rafters of chaos... So, we join our voices with all who have wondered at your steadfast love, singing your name to the edges of the universe:

*The ‘heart’ of our worship is “**The Proclamation of God’s Word.**”*

(We use the ‘common lectionary’ which is a guide that assigns readings over a three-year cycle. God’s people are given the opportunity to hear and read along God’s Word from the Bible).

We stand for the reading of the gospel in a very old tradition of the church. In response to the Word read there is the ‘preaching of the word for our living today.’ This includes words for ‘the young church’ and all who gather.

(On Communion Sundays we invite the young church to remain with us. There is a nursery for the youngest of us.)

*The remainder of the service is “**Sharing Our Response to God**” which is our opportunity to respond to the Word read, preached and heard. Which today also includes our gathering at the Table for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.*

All who believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ are invited to join us at the table. We practice ‘open communion.’

“The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving” is shared from the Table and acts as a ‘blessing’ or ‘grace’ as we gather.

The Words of Institution are a scriptural evidence of the sharing of the Lord's Supper in the very early church. "Instituted" means in this case to be established as the norm for future use. These words with some variation have been used throughout the history of the church to bring the present-day table into the context of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

We are a 'communal' fellowship of believers, As you remain in your seats, Elders will bring the elements to you. It is our tradition to receive the bread and say as you pass it, "The body of Christ, given for you." And likewise as you receive and pass the cup say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." We invite you to hold the elements, bread and then the cup. We commune together as the Pastor says, "Take and Eat..." and "Take and drink...". (In the tray the inner circles are wine and the outer circles are grape juice.)

We share our "Prayer of Dedication" as we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the meal and the spiritual nourishment offered us in the sacrament.

As we 'go into the world' we are charged and blessed with words of encouragement to take with us into our week ahead.

**(Sung:) God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

We also pray for special concerns....

At this table we bear witness to the love which has been poured into our hearts and lives. We remember, and we give thanks for such outpouring of love with your people from every time and place who hearts filled give you thanks and praise:

**(Sung:) Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ O God, creating in us a desire for peace:

**(Sung:) From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

"Prayer of Dedication"

At your table, Lord of Grace, you will us once again with resolve to live for you, to lay aside our yoke for yours. With great thanksgiving we continue along life's way filled with your love and grace divine:

**(Sung:) Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

Nourished by your grace at this table may we be willing to go for you,
Lord.

Send us to be your body in the world

Crown our good with servanthood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

God does not ask us to solve all the world's problems, nor even to carry all of a neighbor's burdens.

God knows our frame, and remembers that we are made of dust.

But we are asked to go out into the world in good spirits, sharing to the best of our ability God's love and grace.

With God's help, we will.

As the disciples sang together and left that place to witness Jesus' love, let us go in peace and joy, with the blessing of the Companion God upon you, around you, and within you.

Amen!

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION NO. 507 "I Come With Joy" (vss. 3 – 4)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 507 "I Come With Joy" (vss. 5)

**"Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise."**

* _ If comfortable, please stand

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Please Join Us In The Dining Hall For Fellowship

HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
This Week at Highlands
Week of July 1st – July 7th, 2018



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday:		Office Closed for Independence Day

"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!"

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU! We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU! Thanks!**

MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1ST grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshipers can be found at the usher's stand. PARENTS please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GREETINGS FROM MONTREAT AND THE 223RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(USA) IN ST. LOUIS.

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A GREAT SUCCESS. We had a great time with the "Rolling River Rampage!" Over 50 children participated this week and ALL had a great time learning about God's love!

TODAY IS THE 6TH Sunday after Pentecost. Do you wonder what the Disciples of Jesus were doing 6 weeks after the excitement of Pentecost? Surely they are about the business of beginning to be the church. Praying and sharing at the table. Trying to figure out what worship, outside of the synagogue is all about. Learning how to preach and teach and talk about the faith. Most likely they were heavily relying on their experiences with Jesus like these recorded for us in Mark's gospel. They were trying their best to be like Jesus. And today, this summer, in this place are we not supposed to be doing the same? Trying to be like Jesus? Jesus invites us to the table today. We come to be nourished, to be strengthened, to be a community of faith.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME, your Christian Nurture Committee (and very pregnant DCE) are already busy planning for the fall! We NEED your help! Please consider how you will help nurture our children and youth in the fall... possibly opportunities include teaching Bible classes, leading crafts, helping to cook dinner, helping to clean up dinner, leading our Jr. Logos kiddos, teaching & hanging out with our youth. Being present with our children and youth is a wonderful way to fulfill the vows that YOU made during the baptisms of all of our children. The Nurture Committee would like to have all volunteers in place by mid-June, well before Baby Sambito arrives. ;) If you have questions or would like to sign up, please see Laura or Chad Sambito, John Morrison, Audrey Regnier, Christina Trombley, Michele Loerop, or Erika Conner.

ADULTS are invited to Sunday School in Harris Hall this summer! And hey, everyone else is invited to Sunday School this summer, too!

THE WELLNESS/ADULT LOGOS will take a break in July and August and reconvene in September. **All are welcome to join us this fall!**

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Highlands' Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, August 26. Please mark your calendars now. The Oneblood people may call you this summer, but Sharyn' requests that you save your donation for Highlands' blood drive! You will be hearing more about the drive by the middle of August.

HIGHLANDS PRECIOUS GIFTS PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING for the Fall 2018 school year. Open Enrollment is now in progress for ages 15 months to 4 years old. We are excited to be an outreach of all the great Mission work at Highlands. Providing for a community of children on the campus of Highlands, you truly know God's blessings. Tell your friends and family to stop by for a tour and meet the staff anytime Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items: toothpaste, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Six jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly. Eight jars of Jelly last week! **Don't forget your jelly next Sunday!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI. Please make sure your payments are marked "**HAITI CHILDREN**" to ensure the money goes into the right account.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE

SPECIAL AND ONGOING PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK: Libby McJunkin in South Carolina

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES: *At Brookdale Southside:* (9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256); *Hank Green (N-122): At Clare Bridge:* Louise Keen; *At the Atrium (9960 Atrium Way, 32225):* Boyd and Doreen Harris (#528), Doris Ruby (#219), *Others:* Fay Sweeney (# E10 A) at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Circle East, Jacksonville, FL 32224).

AT HOME: Reinhard Bohling, Sarah Shepherd, Jim Moss, Joy Patterson, Don Hall, Kit Fink, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Kinzey Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash and Carolyn Starkweather.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Kenneth Moon (Barbara's son), Lenwood Lee (Dr. Dave's father), Ashley Parsons (DCE at Orange Park PC), Ed Mallard.

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PRAYER BEARS: Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

MEMBER CARE: **Bev Connell** is our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. Bev's number is **(904) 868-9659**. Her email address is bevconn2016@gmail.com. Please contact Bev with your prayer request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by calling the church office, completing the gray slips in the church pews, using the church website (hupcjax.org under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK: Clara Whitaker, Ben and Sandi Whitfield and Reed and Jenna Whitney,
OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Victor and Kim Arreola.