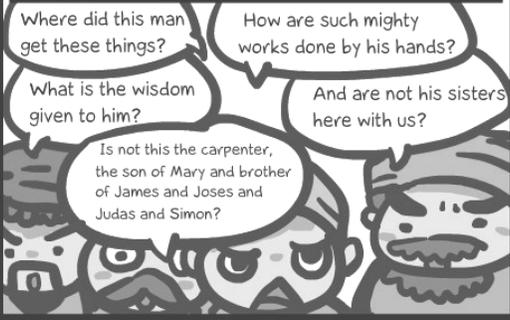


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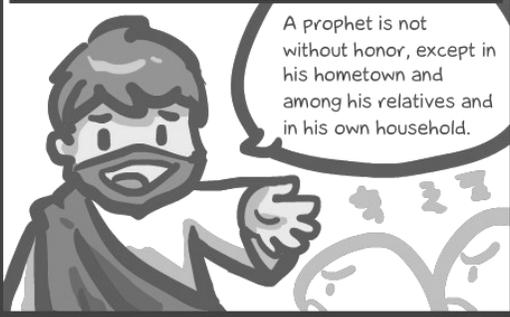
He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue...



...and many who heard him were astonished, saying...



And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them...



And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.



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# HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**JULY 8, 2018**

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**“Home Preaching”**

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6:1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. (Mark 6:1)

Today is the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship let us pause, calm ourselves and listen to a tune from Anton Dvorak's New World Symphony entitled "Going Home." It is a reminder tune for us as Jesus goes home for a day and finds things to be different and unsettling.

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together. We share news of our life together as a church in our service because what we do, outside of worship, is a very vital portion of our 'service to God'.

Our Call to Worship each week is designed to bring us into focus and help us to heighten our awareness of being in a special place, in the presence of God.

Our "Gathering Prayer" is an opportunity for us to center our minds and hearts on the presence of God in our worship today.

# HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## A Celebration of Worship

July 8, 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### "ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

#### 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.)*

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

**Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.**

You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:

**Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.**

You guide us to those who are looking for you:

**Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.**

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER (responsive)

The rumbling of thunder in the distance, the shade of an oak tree in the back yard, the laughter of children splashing in the pool, the stars glittering on a moonless night: all the gifts of the universe fill us with delight in every moment.

**Great is your imagination, Creation's Joy!**

Broken,

**you touch us to make us whole;**

tear-stained,

**you share our pain and struggles;**

gifter of peace,

**you replace our bitterness with hope;**

teacher of gentle words,

**you transform our unbelief into service.**

Great is your love,

**Christ, Companion of all people!**

Making hardened hearts as soft as a baby's breath;

**turning stiffened necks so we can see the poor;**

placing wandering feet back on the path of discipleship.

**Great is your compassion, Spirit of grace.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray the prayer you taught us.

**"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."**

**\*HYMN NO. 478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

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

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

**And also 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."***

**"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP"**

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

We may boast of all our deeds and achievements, but inside, we know our brokenness, our failures, our weaknesses. Yet God has promised to heal us, anointing us with the oil of grace. Let us confess our lives, as we pray together saying,

**You come, Crafter of Wonder, longing to be a part of our lives, yet we often find it difficult to welcome you. You would be our lifelong companion, but we shake you off, leaving you in the dust as we race after temptation. You offer to be our guide in this journey we call life, but we brag that we can make our own way. Your love withstands the force of our stubbornness, Composer of Grace, even as your forgiveness breaks the power of our fears. As we have heard your words of mercy echo in our hearts, as we have felt your grace make us whole, as we have seen you in those who welcome us as sisters and brothers, may we go forth to tell the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us,  
Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us,  
Lord, Have Mercy Upon us."**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's love reaches to the ends of creation and mends our broken hearts. God's hope echoes through the universe and sings in our souls. God's grace tenderly, gently, completely makes us new people.

**We have heard the good news spoken to us; we have seen the good news modeled for us; we will be the good news for others. 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 Opening Hymn, **"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"** is about the reliability of God for us in all of our living.

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 worshipping 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.*

**“The Proclamation of God’s Word”** is central in the life of the worshiping community. This ‘proclamation’ includes the reading of scripture, the sharing of an anthem or musical expression of the day’s theme, the Time With The Young Church and the preaching of the Word.

Today’s anthem, “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” is a wonderful reminder of the depth and breadth of God’s love for us. The words are joined to the tune “Holy Manna” which is a musical reminder that God’s grace is there for us each day.

As we respond to God’s Word preached, we join not only our voices but our faith in the hymn for the day by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, “We Hear, Lord, Your Promise.” Once again Gillette takes today’s scripture and theme and creates a hymn for the occasion.

## “THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

(OT: p.279)

The Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

#### “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

*“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His blood.*

*There is no place where earth’s sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth’s failings Have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, We should take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be thanksgiving For the goodness of the Lord.”*

**EPISTLE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(NT: p.185)

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** \* Mark 6:1- 13

(NT: p.40)

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

#### INTERLUDE

(All children, ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to attend “Children’s Church” after “A Time with the Young Church.” Their leader will meet them in the back of the sanctuary. They may be picked up after worship in the Family Life Center, room #210.)

### SERMON

#### “Home Preaching”

### “SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD”

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**“We Hear, Lord, Your Promise”**

(Tune: “Let All Things Now Living”)

**We hear, Lord, your promise: “My grace is sufficient!”  
Those few simple words brought such comfort to Paul;  
And though every thorn in the flesh may be different,  
We find in your message good news for us all.  
Your strength is made perfect in times of our weakness,  
When hardships assail us and pain comes along;  
For you dwell within us and we learn your goodness —  
And when we are weakest, in you we are strong.**

Through all that we suffer, your grace is a blessing;  
O Christ, you are with us to carry us through.  
What hope you still offer when life is distressing!  
You heal and forgive us, so we turn to you.  
When pain is so great that we hardly can bear it,  
We call on your name and we hear your love's song;  
You send us the comfort and peace of your Spirit,  
And when we are weakest, in you we are strong."

#### \*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."

#### BEING THE CHURCH IN MISSION, PRAYER AND GIVING

#### AS WE COME TO PRAYER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

**and cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

**and we shall be pure.**

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

**that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help,

**and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

Even in fearful times we pray for those who seek to deepen their faith, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for those who are sad today, cast them not away from your presence,

**and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

We especially pray for the sick, those serving in conflicts around the world, for our nation in its struggle to find itself anew.

**Give them your comfort, Lord.**

We use "The Apostles' Creed" to corporately affirm our personal faith. We are a 'credal' church

Please take a moment and read through the prayer concerns on the back of the bulletin.

In our prayers we ask for God's presence with and intervention for those we list each week on the back of the bulletin. We have many who are in ongoing situations of treatment, others who are saddened by loss, and still others who face uncertain futures. We keep these in our prayers today and every day.

We share our Tithes and Offerings as an active response to God's blessings to us in our living. What we give supports the work and worship of the church including all of our programs, our mission efforts and our sharing of mutual love and affection for one another.

A "Charge and Blessing" is the parallel element of worship for the "Call to Worship" which begins the service. The charge is for us to take what we have gained in worship into the world as an active service to God. The blessing is a word to us to remember that God goes with us when we go.

Our Hymn of Parting is a favorite of the church, 'I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.'

The 'Benediction' offers the final 'good words' said over God's people as they continue to worship in their living day by day.

Please join us in the Dining Hall following worship for a time of fellowship.

Lord, you call and challenge us to be bold in sharing the faith. You expect us to go and tell, to live and serve, to be the church.

**Make us bold in the going, Lord, and faithful in the serving.**

You give us opportunity, challenge and responsibility;  
**unite us in purpose to be the church. Amen.**

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn No. 592)**  
**"GOD'S PEOPLE SENT INTO THE WORLD"**

### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Believe in the power that God has given to each one of us.

**We will go, believing.**

Believe that God gives us courage to do great things.

**We will go, believing.**

Believe that God turns small things into great things.

**We will go, believing.**

Believe that God chooses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

**We will go, believing.**

Believe that God cares for those who are poor and in need.

**We will go, believing.**

Believe that God can help us find a new way to accomplish what seems to be impossible.

**We will go, believing. Thanks be to God!**

### **\*HYMN OF PARTING NO. 441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

**"I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,  
The church our blessed Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.**

**I love Thy church, O God. Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall For her my prayers ascend,  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of Heaven."**

**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
This Week at Highlands  
Week of July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**This Week's Calendar of Events:**

<b>Today:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Memorial Service – John D. Post</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Crafty Ladies</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Crafty Ladies Evening Group</b>

**“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 1<sup>ST</sup>** 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**

**TODAY IS the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.** Summer Sundays are 'faith challenging and building days.' If you think Jesus didn't have any of those please listen closely to the gospel lesson for today as Jesus 'goes home.' The call coming out of his experience is to all of us to go out and tell what we know – Jesus loves us!

**Today at noon we will be sharing a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for John D. Post.** While John's name might not be familiar, we all know Jaimie Shires, our former DCE. John was Jaimie's dad and he was in Florida for a visit with Jaimie and her brother Michael when he quite suddenly and unexpectedly dies on the evening of July 3. We extend to Jaimie, CJ and Hunter our love and care in this time. Because of relationship with this family we have offered to share this memorial service. Those who know Jaimie and any others are invited to share fellowship after worship and then join us at noon for the memorial service.

**A HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A GREAT SUCCESS.** We had a great time with the "Rolling River Rampage!"

**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. Seven 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 to the correct place.

### **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, Rebecca Briones' mom in Texas, and Bruce Marley at Baptist.

**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](mailto: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](http://hupcjax.org) under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

**FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK:** Kimberley Williams, The Williams Family and Vohn and Virginia Williamson.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: Jane and David Bauerlein. Children's Church Leader: Jessica Sorrells.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by Sharyn' Going in loving memory of Norm.