



# HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 11, 2017  
Trinity Sunday

**"Unlocking the Mystery of the Trinity"**  
The Rev. Dr. Ron Smith

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"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ... because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1, 5)

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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
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**“WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP”**

**MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION**

*(Take this opportunity to pause for a moment and pray for God's presence among us today, our worship leaders, those who worship with you and for yourself. With a large group of us in Montreat today our music as we gather is a piece by Robert Thomas entitled "Mountain Air".)*

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AS WE GATHER & SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*[Welcome to Trinity Sunday, the beginning of the Season after Pentecost, a season for us to experience God's power and majesty and to proclaim God's love in witness and action in the world.]*

Gather before God, who comes to us as creator, parent, holy and mighty one.

**We gather to proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"**

Gather before God, who comes to us in Jesus – our friend and redeemer.

**We gather to proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"**

Come and stand before God, who comes to us as Holy Spirit, sanctifier, comforter.

**We gather to proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy God!"**

From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

**Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.**

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

**Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.**

When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

**Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!**

For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!

**Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)**

Holy God, Creation's Artist: tiny infants babble your praises, as you reach out and heal us with the touch of your fingertips.

**We worship you.**

Jesus Christ, Gateway to grace: you make right what we have messed up; you build your kingdom on the foundation of our faltering faith; you stand with us in the midst of our suffering.

**We adore you.**

\*- If comfortable, please stand

Holy Spirit, Playmate of justice: you splash through the sea-puddles in Eden's backyard, tracking the mud into Kingdom's kitchen, leading us to the Table.

**We open our hearts to you.**

God, living in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,  
**"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 OF PRAISE NO. 19                    "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

We celebrate this faithful day!

**Jesus has shown us that love and light  
are more powerful than the forces of evil in our world.**

Christ has shown us that life cannot be defeated by death,  
**and through faith we do not have to fear.**

We give our thanks and praise

**as we celebrate Jesus alive again and with us forever.**

May the peace of the Risen 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:** (from "Holy God We Praise Your Name" No. 460)

**"Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,  
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery."**

## **"SEEK FORGIVENESS"**

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

We give thanks for our gracious God, for allowing us to know love in its fullest expressing in the community of the Trinity. God gives us boldness to confess our sins. Let us pray:

God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world...

**forgive us for treating our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished. Forgive our failure to care for and protect this lovely land, its oceans, rivers and lakes, and the air that we breathe each day.**

God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ...

**forgive us when we fail to live out Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loves us. When we judge another person by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as they are - as we all are - persons loved and accepted by you.**

God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...

**forgive us when we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity and our abuse of ethical and moral principles .**

God, Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit, fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are and what we do and say in Jesus' name.

**As Jesus' disciples and in his name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 572

**“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us,  
Christ Have Mercy Upon Us,  
Lord Have Mercy Upon us.”**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God touches our lips and says: “Your guilt is gone, and your sins are forgiven.”  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

## **“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Genesis 1: 26**

(OT: p. )

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

(NT: p. )

**2 Corinthians 13: 11-13**

(NT: p. )

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

#### **INTERLUDE**

(In the 11 a.m. service, all children, ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</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 #207.)

**SERMON TEXT Ephesians 1: 3-14**

(NT: p. )

**SERMON**

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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 138

**“Holy, Holy, Holy ”**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## BEING THE CHURCH IN MISSION, PRAYER AND GIVING

### As We Come to Prayer

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and for all people according to their needs. For a sure faith in the comforting knowledge that: "since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

**Hear our prayers, O Lord, three in one.**

For all of God's people, seeking in these days to be faithful, that they may be fruitful in every way, and that their lives, moved by God's grace, may be courageous and true:

**Hear our prayers, O Lord, three in one.**

For the peace of the whole world, that we may all dwell in safety, and that the Word of God may be heard in word and deed without hindrance in every place:

**Hear our prayers, O Lord, three in one.**

For those who this day are feeling the agonizing pain of loss of those they love due to the unbridled power of nature, the unspeakable horror of war, the cruelty of one person to another

**Hear our prayers, O Lord, three in one.**

For those in need, the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning, and the lonely especially whom we have named and left unnamed in our hearts, that Christ would grant to each comfort and healing according to His loving kindness:

**Hear our prayers, O Lord, three in one.**

And finally, for ourselves, Lord, we pray for peace, for a sense of contentment, for true joy in our living, even as we wait, once again, for the powerful presence of your Holy Spirit.

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear our prayers, O Lord, Amen.**

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

##### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."**

Blessed beyond measure we give you thanks Holy One In Three;  
**For life, grace, love and mercy in abundance.**

May we, this is and every day, be truly thankful to you.

**We dedicate these offerings and the fullness of ourselves to you.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**



**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Created and called to be faithful stewards, we are sent forth by our God.

**We will take all that is good to places of brokenness,  
all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.**

Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples, we are sent forth by Jesus,  
Word of hope.

**We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us, to every person who will  
bless us.**

Called and filled with the very breath of peace, we are sent forth by the Spirit,  
God's grace.

**We will join the Spirit in bring life where there is fear, in offering love where  
hate seeks to take hold.**

Go in grace to serve the Lord!

**\*HYMN OF PARTING NO. 132**

**"Come Great God..."**

**Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;  
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;  
Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.**

**Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, Sure foundation, cornerstone,  
Help us form the church eternal, May Your vision be our own.  
Send a message to each follower, Lead all people to Your way;  
Urge us to strong faith and action As we build the church today.**

**Come, great Spirit, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;  
Through the moving of Your presence, Let redeeming love recall Ministry in dedication,  
Love embodied in our deeds; Challenge us to do Your bidding,  
See Your purpose, fill all needs.**

**\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**Come, O come, in celebration, Household of the one true God,  
In commitment and rejoicing Let us go where Christ has trod;  
As we act in faith and reverence, Let us, Lord, the future see;  
Place us in the church triumphant, Now and for eternity.**

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\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**You are invited to come to the Dining Hall for a time of Fellowship**



**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
 This Week at Highlands  
 Week of June 11 – June 17, 2017



**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>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Crafty Ladies</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Quilting and Sewing Group</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>		<b>Sr. High PYC and their leaders return to Jacksonville</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 TRINITY SUNDAY AND WE WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Ron Smith to our pulpit. After a distinguished career in the military, including a Purple Heart and multiple Bronze Stars Ron was called to the ministry. He received degrees and studies at/from University of South Carolina, Columbia International University, receive a Th.M. in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary, a D. Min. (Homiletics), Columbia Theological Seminary, a Th.M. in Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, heard Theological Lectures, St. Mary's College, St. Andrews University, Scotland, and Theological Lectures, American University, Leysin, Switzerland, and received a Certificate in Spirituality, Columbia Theological Seminary. Served as Pastor at Bethune Presbyterian Church, South Carolina, Aveleigh and Queen's Memorial Presbyterian Churches, Newberry, South Carolina, Senior Pastor, St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, Maitland, Florida 2009-2013. Ron is married to Cheryl and their children are David and Marion Elizabeth Lane.

**MONTREAT IS JUNE 10 – 17! Our Montreat youth and leaders arrived in the Wester N.C. mountains on Saturday for a week at Montreat. The conference theme is "A Missing Peace."** We have 18 youth and 4 adults making the trip! These 7 'graduates' will be making the trip for the last time as youth: . Brad Beirne, Josh Briones, Rhiannon Parker, Thurman Picarelli, Hunter Scholar and Sydney Trombley. Our rising senior is Gibson Grimm, and the mid class participants are Michael Bauerlein, Nara-Lee Todd, Logann Williams, and Makenzie Abbott. Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 1<sup>st</sup> time Montreaters are Evan Abbott, Rylan Trombley, Dylan Williams, Nichole Kleppen, Savannah Sholar, Carson Grimm, and Marielle Todd. Leaders are Dr. Dave and Laura, Rebecca Briones and Ricky Regnier. We need your prayers and if you want to bake a cake or some cookies or something that would be great too! **Next Sunday they will be sharing their week's experience with us in worship. (In the Dining Hall)**

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE NEEDS SUMMER VOLUNTEERS.** VBS is June 25 – 29 and we need your help to be a VBS worker. We also need summer Sunday School leaders. Please see Laura for more details

**LOGOS, WELLNESS AND ADULT LOGOS ARE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER!** Watch the bulletin for information this fall. We'll be looking for volunteers to help in our 25<sup>th</sup> year of Logos at Highlands! Think about joining the fun!

**OUR SESSION HAS SENT A CHALLENGE OUT TO HELP 'RAISE THE ROOF!'** "Raise the Roof" is a short-term capital campaign to help us re-roof the Sanctuary. Please mark your gifts 'raise the roof.' We hope to get the work started as soon as possible and have it paid for by October.

### OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

**HIGHLANDS PRECIOUS GIFTS PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING** for the Fall 2017 school year 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. Stop by for a tour and meet the staff anytime Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about our great pre-school.

**THE MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE** is looking for additional persons to serve as Shepherds so that this program of our church can be maintained. The responsibility of a shepherd is to keep in touch with and support 5 – 7 families and/or individuals. This is a rewarding way to know your fellow members better and does not require a great deal of time. For information or to volunteer call Nancy Marsh at 645-3108 or 635-7582.

**MICAH'S BACKPACK UPDATE:** Micah's wonderful volunteers are on a well-deserved break until school starts back in August. Watch the bulletin for more information. **Thanks to the very faithful and dedicated volunteers for a super-great year!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE ITEMS FOR "The Highlands Baby Shower Mission Project"**. Recently we were able to send 20 bags to the hospital, so 20 babies and their families had a little gift to take home with them. We are already working on our next twenty gift bags, can you help? Baby clothes and blankets are much appreciated-any color is fine. Thanks Again!!!

**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. Eight jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly!

**YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP.** We are looking for a few items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits. We are in need of 16 X 26-inch hand towels and single pack toothbrushes. (The one your dentist gives you would be great). Thanks for your continued love and support of this very basic and much needed program.

**THANKS FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SUPPORT OF HAITI!!** 30 sponsored children mean sustaining care for the children and staff of the Grace of Mercy orphanage in Haiti. Please remember your monthly pledge and **BE SURE YOUR CHECKS ARE MARKED "SPONSOR FOR HAITI CHILDREN"** to ensure the money goes into the right account.

### PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE

**SPECIAL PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:** Nancy Moewe, JoAn Ewing, Don Hall, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Bill Byers, Nancy Hoot, Marilyn Reed, Al Hummel, Bill Duval, Pat Strader, Cathy Pate's son, Hank Greene, Nancy Taylor, Lenwood and Steve Lee (Dr. Dave's Father and brother), Fay Sweeney (9960 Atrium Way, Unit 18, Jax, FL 32225), Linda Youmans (c/o Teri Grimm, 4206 Harbour Island Dr. 32225), Kit Fink, Kenneth Moon, and Bruce and Annette Marley, Justin Marley (grandson), Louise Keen is residing at Brookdale Southside 9601 Southbrook Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256 along with Al and Pat Hummel. Al and Pat's address is 9601 Southbrook Dr., Apt E315, Jacksonville, FL 32256. You can reach Jacob Loerop through his email at [Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil](mailto:Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil), Jacob's address is IT3 Jacob Loerop CVN 68 USS Nimitz Unit 100103 Box 1771 FPO AP 96620. Amelia Powell's address is: AT2 Powell, Amelia N., VAQ-140, Unit 200107 Box 142, FPO AP 96601. You can also reach Amelia through her email. Her email address is: [amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil](mailto:amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil).

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

**MEMBER CARE:** We are **VERY PLEASED** to announce that **Bev Connell** has agreed to be our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. There is sure to be an adjustment period, so please bear with us as we get "our prayers in a row" and get the correct names and emails added to or deleted from the prayer chain. **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:** The Arreolla Family, Barbara Ash and Kaitlyn Ash.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeter: Sharyn' Going. Children's Church Leader: Chad Sambito. Nursery Attendant: Erika Conner.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God the Stewart's in celebration of the retirement of Vic and Betty Stewart and Candy Cole.