



HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 22, 2017

29TH Of Ordinary Time

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

(Exodus 33:21-23)

Today is the 20th
Sunday following
Pentecost and the 29th
Sunday in Ordinary
Time..

As we prepare for
worship we'll listen to a
song entitled "Hareni
Na Et Kvodcha" which
is Hebrew for "Show
Me Your Glory" which
is Moses plea to God
in our scripture today.
Keren Silver is the
singer/composer.

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**
for today is inclusive of
many of the Biblical
references to 'the
Glory of God.' We
learn today that God's
glory or God's
presence is powerful
and life giving. This
extended Call to
Worship includes our
'gathering prayer.'

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A Celebration of Worship

October 22, 2017 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

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(They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Day by day, as they spent much time together, 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.)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER (responsive)

Moses said, "Show me your glory!"

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Who is the King of glory?

**Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.**

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!"

**Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with
power and great glory.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his
glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen."**

In this sacred place we hear the voice of God say to each one of us,
I know you by name.

Show us your glory, O God.

In this sacred place we encounter sign and symbol in font and pulpit,
bread broken and shared, and we hear the voice of God say to us,
My presence goes with you, and I will give you rest.

Show us your glory, O God.

In this sacred place we give thanks for this community of faith bound
together by a common ministry and affirmed by God who says,
You have found favor in my sight.

Show us your glory, O God.

*-If comfortable, please stand

In this sacred place we have gathered for worship to catch a precious glimpse of God, to understand whose we are, and to imitate Christ in our worship.

God calls us to come, hear, see and experience God's presence.

This is a time for worship. God is awesome beyond all our ability to comprehend, beautiful beyond all possible imagining.

The Lord our God reigns, let all the earth tremble.

It is written: "No one could look on the face of God and go on living." But we have glimpsed God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy. Let us have JOY in the Lord and worship in God's presence, 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."

***HYMN NO. 474 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"**

***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: "Glory to God"**

Leader: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

People: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Leader: To God be glory forever!

People: To God be glory forever!

Leader: Alleluia! Amen! **People: Alleluia! Amen!**

Leader: Alleluia! Amen! **People: Alleluia! Amen!**

All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

"SEEK FORGIVENESS"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)**

Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers as we seek your glory in our living:

Called to treat all people equally,

we take sides and pick favorites;

Chosen to be your children,

we arrogantly assume others are not so honored;

Challenged to be examples of faith,

we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.

Forgive us, Giver of Rest.

Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope.

As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully. **Amen.**

Our opening Hymn is "O Splendor of God's Glory Brite" which helps us to develop the theme for the day of the brilliance of God's glory and the way that God brings 'glory' into our living!

In our final 'gathering act' we "Pass the Peace" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. **Today we are using "Glory to God" as our response to "Passing the Peace."**

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 and the "Assurance of Forgiveness" echo themes for the day.

(*HYMN NO. 572)

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked – forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 579)**

“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, Amen.”

“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

(OT: p. 80)

ANTHEM

"He Hideth My Soul"

Crosby/Kirkpatrick/ arr. Schwoebel

“Let all who take refuge in you be glad: Let them ever sing for joy!

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Savior to me;

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock That shadows a dry, thirsty land;

He hideth my life with the depths of His love, And covers me there with His hand,

And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, He taketh my burden away;

He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved, He giveth me strength as my day.

Let all who take refuge in you be glad: Let them ever sing for joy!

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, And filled with His fullness divine,

I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God For such a Redeemer as mine! *Refrain*

Let all who take refuge in you be glad: Let them ever sing for joy!”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(NT: p. 203)

*Matthew 22:15-22

(NT: p. 24)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

INTERLUDE

(All children, ages 3 through 1st grades, 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

“It’s All About The Glory!”

“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 is an new arrangement of an old Fanny Crosby hymn, “He Hideth My Soul” which borrows the descriptive language from Exodus and Psalm 105. The musical picture of God’s hand shielding us so that we can observe some of his glory is powerful for us in these days.

"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As glory-seekers we have come, O God, to find your face;

May our adoration open a window, that Your light may flood through.

As hope-seekers we come, O God, and we celebrate Your gift of hope;

You capture us as we worship, and by your word make us hopeful.

As Christ-followers we have come, O God, and we struggle to open ourselves to Christ's life;

You change us as we encounter Your glory, so that we may carry Your light into the world.

Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and needs of all who find themselves in the dark places of the world;

The grieving, the sick, the abused and the forgotten.

Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and dreams of all who have lost their purpose and vision;

The rejected, the fallen, the disappointed and the discouraged.

Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and courage
of all who serve and uplift others;

The leaders, those who care, the protectors and the teachers.

We praise You for the light that shatters the darkness, the hope that rises from the ashes, the life that returns from the grave And we pray that they may fill the earth, as dawn fills the sky.

We pray that we might be a people

**who appreciate the wonders of your world,
and see the goodness in your creation.**

**Help us to appreciate the gifts of each person,
the value of each part of your world.**

Send your Spirit upon us, O God.

**Help us to be people who see, display, and share your glory.
Help us to be your faithful servants. Amen.**

Our Hymn of Response is "Arise, Your Light Has Come" which reminds us that the Glory of God come to us in living form in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Our Offertory is "I've Just Come From the Fountain" with our Highlands Handbell Choir. The piece is describe as "an upbeat, infectious setting of a traditional spiritual that employs the "call and response" approach that is characteristic of the spiritual style.

Plenty of stopped sounds adds spice while each octave has an opportunity to share in playing the melody." Based on an old spiritual we thank our Bell choir for giving God glory in reviving it in our worship today.

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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" the final verse of which will also be our response.

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "I've Just Come From The Fountain" Highlands Handbell Choir

arr. Sylvester

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn No. 592)**

"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."

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

A glimpse of God's glory can make us shine like the sun.

We take the God's light poured into us into the world.

Go, dispelling darkness, illuminating doubt, enlightening fear.

We go to love and serve the Lord our God.

***HYMN OF PARTING NO. 420 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"**

**1. God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**3. Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

**5. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

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*- Those Who Are Comfortable May Please Stand



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
 This Week at Highlands
 Week of October 22 – October 28, 2017



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Service PYC's Trick or Treat For Canned Goods
Monday:	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Crafty Ladies Session Meeting
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting and Sewing Group
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Wellness (Yoga @ 10 and Adult Logos@11) Logos enjoys its 25 th year @ HUPC Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	7:30 p.m.	Adult Handbell Rehearsal

“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

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER...AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU! Today we hope to catch a glimpse of the "Glory of God" which is unlike human glory. It is good to be in God's place worshipping together!

THIS AFTERNOON AT 5 OUR PYC IS GOING TO 'TRICK OR TREAT' FOR CANNED GOODS. SIGN UP THIS MORNING!

WE NEED 'WALKERS' AND 'SPONSORS' FOR NEXT SUNDAYS CROP WALK. Please stop by and pick up an envelope or support someone who is walking. We need 30 WALKERS from HUPC! The Walk is next Sunday afternoon at Ed Austin Park (at a new place near the skateboard rink!) Please walk and/or support a walker for CROP! **We walk for the HUNGRY!**

THE SESSION MEETS MONDAY AT 7 p.m.

WE'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME AT LOGOS!! Our LOGOS program is celebrating its 25th year on Wednesday's at 4 p.m. All of our children and you are invited so please bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Our theme this week is "Heart and Soul – Disco Night" and you are invited to bring a friend.

OUR WELLNESS PROGRAM IS AWESOME! Our program begins with seated yoga at 10:00 a.m. and Adult LOGOS follows around 11:00 am. Seated yoga can easily be adapted to anyone's physical interest and we are looking forward to John Smith's usual presentation making Bible study amusing and informative. **Join us!**

MICAH'S BACKPACK HAS GROWN AGAIN. This week Micah's Backpack packed for 81 students in four schools. We have increased our capacity at our newest school, Arlington Elementary, from 5 children in the beginning of September to 20 children in October. Thanks for the tremendous support and encouragement from HUPC and the Arlington Community, we continue to grow. Our pantry *empties* every week and your donations and help are greatly appreciated. Micah's Volunteers and Supporters are the best. Thank you.

Eat more chicken! FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY. The Preschool is having its annual fundraising opportunity with the Chick-fil-A 2018 Calendar. Each calendar features 12 months of beautiful cow artwork as well as monthly offers for **FREE** Chick-fil-A food. HPGP is now selling the 2018 calendars for \$10, cash only. You can come by the Preschool office any day Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm or catch me after worship on Sundays. Thank you for your support to the Church Preschool and the children we serve. We appreciate it – Michele!

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

HELP NEEDED!! Crafty Ladies need your help after Fellowship next Sunday, October 29th. It's time to set up tables for the craft fair! Tables need to be put in position so Crafty Ladies can set up their wares for the craft fair. Anyone who can stay to help is much appreciated! It's also time to think about what YOU are going to share with the "Mary Lou Memorial Bake Sale!"

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL CONGREGATION!!! HandsOnJacksonville presents annual awards to celebrate the compassion, dedication and perseverance of volunteers making a substantial impact on the community. This year's HandsOnHunger award went to the hundreds of Family Promise volunteers who shop, cook and serve each week offering hospitality and welcome to the guest families. Thank you Highlands!

HIGHLAND'S BABY SHOWER: Matthew 25:40 – just as you did it to one of the least of these....you did it to me. Thanks to all of you who answered your call to discipleship with your generous contributions to the Highlands Baby Shower. This ministry shows care and support to many new mothers and babies of our community via your contributions of a new baby clothes, blankets and more. You are a blessing. Highlands Mission Committee – for more information contact Susan Lee at 887-4661.

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. Eighteen jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly! **ACS HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE LOW ON JELLY! PLEASE BRING JELLY NEXT SUNDAY!**

YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are looking for items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits. We recently sent 50 kits to help people after Hurricane Harvey's destruction. So, we are starting all over with another group. We need 16 X 26-inch hand towels, wash clothes, individual toothbrushes, tooth paste, fingernail clippers, standard size band aids, individual bars of soap, combs and gallon sized clear storage bags.

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: Nancy Moewe has been released.

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES: *At Brooks Rehab @ Bartram Crossing:* Al Hummel; *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 (Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Circle East # E 10 A, Jacksonville, FL 32224), Linda Youmans is under hospice care (c/o Teri Grimm, 4206 Harbour Island Dr. 32225).

AT HOME: Nancy Moewe (staying with children this week), Don Hall, Kit Fink, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Nancy Hoot, Kinzey & Betty Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash and Carolyn Starkweather.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debbie Douget's dad, Don Seay, Justin Marley (Bruce and Annette's grandson), Kenneth Moon (Barbara's son), Lenwood Lee (Dr. Dave's father), Ashley Parsons (DCE at Orange Park PC), Ed Mallard, Tiffani Riccilli (Annie Lietzow's granddaughter).

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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: The Harrell Family, Bruce and Marilyn Harrington and Boyd and Doreen Harris.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Richard and Nancy Marsh. Children's Church Leader: Jessica Sorrells.

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given to the glory of God by Dr. Dave and Susan in honor of their 10th anniversary.