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(John 6:35)*



HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 5, 2018

11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

"Table for ONE"

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

WELCOME TO COMMUNION SUNDAY! God's people will be gathered today at the table of peace and grace.

Today is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time. Great stories of the faith are shared with us today as we feed on the bounty of God's Word.

Our music as we prepare for worship is a piano interpretation of the hymn "I Am the Bread of Life" by Paul Tate on the album, "Seasons of Grace."

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.

On this communion Sunday our "**Gathering**" for the day includes our "**Gathering Hymn**," "**As We Gather At Your Table**." This is a prayer that God would help us to worship Him through the Word and Communion, to take our worship out into the world, and to look forward to the final banquet at the end of time, of which Communion is a picture.

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Celebration of Worship
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
August 6, 2018 -- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- 10:00 a.m.

"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

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. As we come to table let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the gift of God's grace in the cup and loaf.)

SHARING GREETINGS AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING HYMN**

All who are gathered here this day are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

We come from times of stress and worry, needing God's healing love.

Come to this place of healing and feeding.

Christ bids us welcome!

(Sung: Tune – Beach Spring)

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make love's vict'ry known.**

From the worries of our lives

Christ bids us welcome!

From the things that draw us down and away,

Christ bids us welcome!

(Sung: Tune – Beach Spring)

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life,
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.**

**Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave,
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

Gathered let us be as one,

as the church dispersed may we have one voice.

Let Joy for the whole world be our song,

trumpeting your grace into every corner of creation.

(Sung: Tune – Beach Spring)

**Gracious Spirit help us summon other guests to share that feast, where
triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

*- Those who are comfortable may please stand

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

"Holy God who challenges us to live holy lives, we gather today in your name. You invite us to be one in you. One in hope. One in faith. One in our baptism. May the unity you desire become a reality in our living, beginning here in this place and out from here into our community and to the world. With one voice we pray the prayer Christ taught us to 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."

***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:**

**"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."**

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP"

***CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively, based on Psalm 51)**

Lord of all the world, there are so many things we want. We want to eat the best food, we want to wear stylish clothes, we want to do what we want when we want to do it. We want to be popular and successful and rich and beautiful. We want. We want. We want.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirit within us.

God of justice, too often we will do anything to get what we want. We will break any rule. We will lie. We will cheat. We will steal. We will even hurt other people so we can have what we want.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirit within us.

God, too often it seems that each of our sins leads to more sins. To hide the shameful things we have done, we break more rules and hurt more people. We lose our ways in half-truths and broken promises. Sometimes, the whole world feels dirty and lost and hopeless.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirit within us.

Have mercy on us, O God. In your steady love and your abundant mercy, forgive our sins.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirit within us. Amen.



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

Our "Gathering Prayer" recalls the words from Ephesians today that in Christ we have "one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism. We are 'one' when we come to the table.

In 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 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

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 "Prayer of Confession" echoes the words of Psalm 51 which is King David's confession and prayer after he is confronted by God through the prophet Nathan. We have all sinned and need our God to "Create in us clean hearts and put new and right spirit within us."

Our Offertory Anthem today is "For The Bread Which You Have Broken" with music by Cesar Franck, a Belgian-French-Dutch composer, pianist, organist, and music teacher whose symphonic, chamber, and keyboard works are among the most distinguished contributions in the field by any French musician. Even though his organ-composition output is quite small, he is considered by many to be the greatest composer for the organ after JS Bach.

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.)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

When we repent, God creates in us a new heart, and puts a new and right spirit within us. God does not throw us away or keep us from communion with the Holy Spirit, in fact God reminds us to be joyful in our salvation and feeds us with a willing spirit here at the table of grace. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. 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 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this pledge that you do love us, By the gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us, In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world where you do send us, Let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

"Feeding God, you rain down your blessings upon us day to day and we not only have, but greatly enjoy, our daily bread. Remind us each day that others are not so fortunate. May we use these gifts to feed, as we are fed, the physical and spiritual needs of your children. Amen."

"THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

(OT: p. 285)

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

(NT: p. 193)

***John 6:24-35**

(NT: p. 98)

These readings are God's word for us today.

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

MEDITATION

"Table for ONE"



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 510 "Jesus, Thou Joy...." (vss. 1-2)

**"Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, all in all.**

"Invitation to the Table"

At this table we give thanks for unity in Christ.

**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 one to share the meal of grace.

"Great Prayer of Thanksgiving "

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and joyful thing always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, Author of justice and mercy.

Long ago, your prophet Nathan brought your word to David, the king, bringing him to repentance and renewed love of you. In your loving kindness, you did not cast him away from your presence, but restored to him the joy of your salvation.

Compassionate God pour out your gracious Spirit on us, and on these, your simple gifts. Fill us with the broken bread so freely given that we might be made whole; touch our parched lips with the cup of salvation, so we might proclaim your gospel.

**(Sung) We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, And long to feast upon
Thee still; We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.**

When the crowds were hungry for miracles, he promised that we who come to him will never be hungry, and we who believe in him will never be thirsty. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, the bread of heaven, broken to feed a hungry world, so that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Merciful Creator, Bread of Heaven, Spirit of Love, we praise your holy, eternal, nameless Name.

Amen.

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 and claim Christ as Lord of their Living are invited to this 'open' table.

"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" is shared from the table and acts as a 'blessing' or 'grace' as we gather. This prayer recounts God's gracious creative power, our sinfulness and Christ's coming to redeem us and make us whole.

The 'table' is not an altar for sacrifice, but a table upon which are symbols of Christ's body and blood given freely for us. We believe that Christ is the 'lamb of God' sacrificed for us once and for all on the cross.

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.

[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...".]

We are a 'communal' fellowship of believers; therefore, we will receive and hold the elements and 'commune' (eat and then drink) together. As we wait, we will be offered concerns for our silent prayers.

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.

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

After worship we invite you to our time of Fellowship in the Dining Hall. Join us!



"Words of Institution"

"Sharing Of The Meal"

(In the tray the inner circles are wine and the outer circles are grape juice.)

"Prayer of Dedication" (responsive)

At your table, Lord of Grace, you call 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.

In one hand, we embraced a piece of one common loaf.

Sharing one cup, we drank of Christ's new covenant of unity.

With one voice, we lifted up our prayers to you, the one great God, who embraces our differences yet rejoices in our unity in this one communion act. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Let us go forth in faith in our nonperishable God,

who gives us daily what we need to feed our bodies and spirits.

Our common need for nourishment unites us together as the body of Christ.

May the holy Bread of Life create sustenance for the journey, calm for troubled spirits, grace-filled movement for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all bodies as we seek to live in sacred community.

Go from this place into the world around us as one in Christ,

We go to love and serve the Lord.

***HYMN FOR COMMUNION NO. 510 "Jesus, Thou Joy...." (vss. 4-5)**

**Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away, Shed o'er the world Thy holy night.**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

**"Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!"**



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
 This Week at Highlands
 Week of August 5th – August 11th, 2018



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Crafty Ladies
	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings

"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

TODAY IS THE 11th Sunday after Pentecost and we gather at the table to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Fittingly, after prayers for forgiveness we hear Jesus declare that he is 'the bread of life.' Even as Jesus feeds us with spiritual food we remember our calling to feed with physical food as well. Your gifts for our 'feeding' ministries are greatly appreciated! During the service we will receive our JEMM offering which provides both spiritual and physical food with our ministry partners in Jamaica, Cuba and the Caribbean.

IT'S AUGUST AND THAT MEANS BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK TO LIFE IN THE CHURCH. On Monday evening (Aug. 6) we will have committee meetings at 7 p.m. Each committee is in need of more participation from YOU. As we 'restart' our ministries we ask that you prayerfully consider and commit to serving on a church committee. ALL committees need new volunteers to support and work with those already engaged in the programs and ministries of YOUR church. The requirements are simple: your willingness to come and serve.

BACK TO SCHOOL and BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK! As our children and youth return to school on August 12 we will send them off with our 'blessings.' School children, teachers, assistants and administrators are invited to bring your backpacks and bags for prayers of blessings. This special day is all about the school children. Our children will receive a blessing and we'll receive special offerings for our **Micah's Backpack Children** (with financial support and any Micah's food items) and our **Haiti School Children with school supplies** (paper, pencils, crayons, etc. etc). If school kids need it here, they need it there! The Grace of Mercy school has over 100 students meeting on the orphanage grounds with those children who are being cared for by Grace of Mercy who are of school age. In other words, we need LOTS of supplies!)



Bless our School Children, The Children of Haiti, and our Micah's Backpack Kids

IF IT IS 'BACK TO SCHOOL TIME' THEN 'LOGOS' WILL BE COMING SOON! Our "LOGOS Kickoff" supper is Sept. 5 and "LOGOS" begins on September 12. Which means we need LOGOS volunteers!! **WILL YOU HELP WITH 'LOGOS' THIS YEAR?** We are doing our best to fill positions from a 'welcome to LOGOS check-in' to 'see you next week at LOGOS' and everything in between. (Please talk to Dr. Dave about helping in the kitchen for setup, cooking and clean up.) Did YOU stand up when we baptized the LOGOS children and youth when they were baptized and say 'yes', I'll help to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?' Guess what – that's what LOGOS and Sunday School are all about. Right now, we have positions to be filled by people who made vows. How about helping this year? LOGOS is great fun!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS ON AUGUST 19. Our adult classes will continue, and resume and we have new curriculum for our children and youth! **PARENTS do you know where your children will be on Sunday mornings? They NEED to be at HUPC so that we can fulfill our vows spoken at their Baptism to nurture them and raise them in the love of their church!!**
It is the church's responsibility to provide a program (Sunday School, LOGOS, PYC) for your children! It is YOUR responsibility to see that they are here!

MICAH'S BACKPACK'S FIRST PACKING will be on Thursday August 16 at 5:30 PM in Harris Hall. If you haven't experienced a packing yet, come and join us! You will feel good about feeding little kids and it only takes about 45 minutes, from the time you walk in the door until the last car is loaded for delivery on Friday morning. We are starting with 102 children this year...84 children at HUPC packing site and 18 at St. Matthew's packing site. Come and help feed God's little ones.

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. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly. We had forty jars of jelly last week and 168 pounds of food! **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 AND UNDER GOING TEST THIS WEEK: Tom Douget's brother, Tim, in Houston.

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES: At the Atrium Rehab Center – Bruce Marley; 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: Jim Walters, Reinhard Bohling, 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, and Rebecca Briones' mom.

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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 Abbott Family, Nina Abbott and Family and The Arreola Family.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Victor and Kim Arreola.