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**FOR THE LORD**

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
July 15, 2018  
“Lord of the Dance”**

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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“In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.”

**(Ephesians 1:13-14)**

Today is the 15th  
Sunday of Ordinary  
Time and the 8th  
Sunday after  
Pentecost.

As we prepare our hearts and minds to be open to the coming to us today of the Word let us focus in on a theme for the day in our scripture lessons: Dancing. It was David dancing before the Lord and Salome's tragic dance that influenced these stories. The Jazz Great Duke Ellington composes a piece called "David Danced". Ellington said, "Every man prays in his own language. And there is no language that God does not understand!"

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 15, 2018 – 15<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

We dare to dream.

**We dare to hope...**

We dare to go and be the church 'out there!'

**Let us celebrate being the church.**

With our brother Christ, who leads us in the dance of life.

Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

**God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope,  
as God's beloved.**

Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of  
redemption.**

Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of  
peace with our sisters and brothers.**

Let us worship God.

##### \*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**"Every moment, we have the chance to breathe in your goodness and grace; every hour, we have opportunities to share your love and hope; every day, we have occasions to rest in the comfort of your heart. In you, we discover the fullness of time, Delight of the Ages. In every challenge we face, we can find the strength to persevere; in every person we meet, we can find the blessing you have sent; in every need we encounter, we can find the help you would have us offer. In you, we discover the fullness of life, Companion of our days. In every conflict of our lives, there is your healing we can offer; in every brokenness we experience, there is that reconciliation we can receive; in every difficulty which makes us stumble, there is that dance of hope you would teach us. In you, we discover the fullness of faith, Promised Spirit. God in Community, Holy in One, in you we discover the fullness we long for, even as we pray as we are taught, saying, "Our Father .... Amen"**

\*If comfortable doing so, please stand

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 554 "Let All Things Now Living"**

1. Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

**"SEEK FELLOWSHIP AND FORGIVENESS"**

**\*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."***

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

We toss and turn at night, unable to sleep because of the tunes running through our heads. But, if we listen carefully, we will discover that it is God singing to us, of that hope, that joy, that mercy offered to us, if we will but open our lives to the forgiveness and healing which is God's desire for us. Let us confess our out-of-tune lives, as we pray together, saying,

**We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.**

**Forgive us, Giver of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy. Amen.**

Our Opening Hymn, "**Let All Things Now Living**" has been called a 'hymn you can dance to.' It is an encompassing song of thanks and praise.

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.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Before the earth was shaped, God created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with joy in the hope God has given to us.

**It is God who has created us, it is God who has redeemed us, it is God who sends us forth to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. 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.”**

**“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

(OT: p.280)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**“LORD OF THE DANCE”**

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all,  
wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow Me; I  
danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on. Refrain:*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die. Refrain:*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain:*

*They cut Me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. Refrain:*

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS**

Ephesians 1:3-14

(NT: p.192)

\*Mark 6:14-29

(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**

**“Lord of the Dance”**

Our summer Anthem for today is “Lord of the Dance” which is the life of Jesus described as a dance. Its tune is the “Shaker” melody.

## "SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

\*HYMN NO. 436

"We Are Your People"

1. We are Your people: Lord, by Your grace,  
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every nation and race.

2. Called to portray You, help us to live  
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.

3. Glad of tradition, Help us to see In all life's changing  
where You are leading, Where our best efforts should be.

4. Joined in community, breaking Your bread,  
May we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.

5. Lord, as we minister in different ways,  
May all we're doing show that You're living,  
meeting Your love with our praise.

\*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."

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsive)

Thank you, God of all, for calling us to follow you. Throughout the centuries, every day, you have summoned us to life-giving service of you. Dancing-Lord,

**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Thank you, for our nation and the world of gorgeous diversity it represents. Bring peace to the world entire. Dancing-Lord, . . .

**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Make us smart enough to put dysfunctional partisan bickering and nastiness aside so that we can pull together to learn from each other in a way that will benefit our nation and the world. Dancing-Lord, . . .

**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Thank you for making us all equal through Christ. Teach and embolden us to do the same, tossing out prejudice. Dancing-Lord, . . .

**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Thank you for caressing us with healing. Bring healing and wholeness to those in need now, particularly those close to us, those caught in harm's

Our Hymn of Response, "We Are Your People" is a hymn that relates our story to God's story with us as we gather within the community of the church. In the 'dance' we share with Jesus through the Holy Spirit we are called to be the church.

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 our church, 'I'm Gonna' Live So God Can Use Me.' A couple of new verses are written for the Response..

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

way, those in need of rest, those who care for the sick, and all others who are ill. Guide our hands to assist you with healing. Dancing-Lord, . . .  
**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Thank you for your church and for our calling to be a part of something more vital and larger than ourselves. Free us of our own agendas and make us willing to follow you in our living. Dancing-Lord, . . .  
**you invite us to dance with liberating grace.**

Rock and Salvation, we hand our prayers to you, knowing that you will answer in a way best for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.  
**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."**

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

It's a great day!

**We leave here to go into the world for a great week.**

We dance the dance of life as we share God's call to be the church.

**Wherever we may go.**

### **\*HYMN OF PARTING NO. 369 "I'm Gonna' Live So"**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me...**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me ...**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me...**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me...**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE**

**I'm gonna dance so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna dance so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna go so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna go so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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\*If comfortable doing so, please stand

**Please Join Us In The Dining Hall For A Time Of Fellowship**

**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
This Week at Highlands  
Week of July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</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>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Crafty Ladies</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 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** since our celebration of Pentecost. As is our usual 'summertime' tradition some of the symbols of Pentecost remain in our midst. In these post-Pentecost Sundays we read stories that see the Holy Spirit at work in the church and in the world. Today the Spirit is let loose in King David and shares our sorrow in the death of John the Baptist. Our call to be the church is sharpened with Holy Spirit challenges today!

**Next Sunday** Dr. Dave and Susan will be away in NC visiting with his family for the celebration of his Dad's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the baptism of his grandniece, Nola Grace Lee. Your prayers are appreciated. We will gladly welcome back to our pulpit and old friend, Matt Hartley. Matt is the Director of the UNF Interfaith Center. He currently attends Riverside Presbyterian and was a Presbyterian youth minister for a decade in Jacksonville. He lives in Arlington with his two kids. They love playing baseball and going to the movies together.

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

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

## OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

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

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

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI.** Please make sure your payments are marked "**HAITI CHILDREN**" to ensure the money goes 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 and Tom Douget's brother, Tim, in Houston.

**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): Bruce Marley (rehab), 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 and Rebecca Briones' mom.

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jacob Loerop ( [Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil](mailto:Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil), IT2 Jacob Loerop CVN 68 USS Nimitz Unit 100103 Box 1771 FPO AP 96620. Amelia Powell ([amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil](mailto:amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil)) 1163 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

**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:** Steve and Donna Wilson, Don and Marge Winecoff and Betsy Winton.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: John and Barbara Ruby. Children's Church Leader: David Bauerlein.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by Richard and Nancy Marsh.