



**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
July 22, 2018**

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time-- 9th of Pentecost
“The Hospitality of God”
Matt Hartley

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Today is the 16th
Sunday of Ordinary
Time and the 9th
Sunday After
Pentecost.

We welcome Matt
Hartley back to
HUPC!

As we prepare our
hearts and minds
for worship let us
listen to "All Our
Welcome" from the
album "Fish with
Me" by Ken
Canedo & Jesse
Manibusan. We
are welcome in
this place as we
consider today the
Hospitality of God.

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 22, 2018 – 9th Sunday After Pentecost

"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

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

each of us seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

Builders of bridges in fractured communities,

those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!

Whether we are strangers or old friends,

God is joining us together in this place.

God's steadfast love is our foundation;

God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whether we are 'natives' or immigrants,

God is building us together spiritually.

God's steadfast love is our foundation;

God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whatever walls we try to build between us,

in Christ, God tears them down to build a household for all of God's people.

God's steadfast love is our foundation;

God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Let us worship God.

*GATHERING PRAYER (responsive)

When our lives seem to trickle along, you take all our meandering streams,
merging them into that graceful river flowing to your sea of tranquility. When we
worry so much that our brains hurt, you cradle us in the hollow of your peaceful
hand.

Gather us in, God of aliens and strangers.

When we scurry and hurry, no time to eat, no time to rest, our lives
spinning out of the kingdom, you have pity on us, and nudge us back on the path
of righteousness. When we want to prattle on, pointing out all our achievements,
you invite us to join you, silently re-treating ourselves to humility.

Gather us in, Christ of the near and far off.

*If comfortable doing so, please stand

When we stand at the rough edge of life, you stroll over to take us by the hand to lead us into the inner circle, dancing with the other saints and sinners. When we show up for the party, but don't have the right haircut, you run up, throw your arms tight around us, introducing us to everyone as family.

Gather us in, Welcoming Spirit.

God in Community, Holy in One, gather us into your heart, even as we pray as we are taught,

Our Father . . . Amen.

***HYMN NO. 175 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

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

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

And also with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace: a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

***CHORAL RESPONSE:** (Hymn. No. 461, vs. 1)

***"God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts."***

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP"

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join me as we pray,

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big people's Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

**God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever;
God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Our Opening Hymn, "**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**" with its beautiful tune and words from the 23rd Psalm certainly reminds us of the hospitality, care and love of God.

Our final 'gathering act' we "**Pass the Peace**" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. In any language, the love of God is translated into peace as we join hands and hearts together. We are re-gathered as a worshipping community with a verse from the Hymn "God Is Here"

Corporate Confession:
In the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition, we do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. Our prayer today reminds us that we are not simply individuals but citizens of the world seeking the kingdom of God. Our prayer and the "Assurance of Forgiveness" echo themes present in our Epistle lesson for the day.

“The Proclamation of God’s Word” is central in the life of the worshipping 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.

As we respond to God’s Word preached we join not only our voices but our faith in the ‘the hospitality of God’ as we sing an old favorite, “We Are One In the Spirit.”

***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 7:1-14a (OT: p. 281)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NT: p.192)
*Mark 6:30-56 (NT: p.41)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

INTERLUDE

(All children, ages 3 through 1st 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

“The Hospitality of God”
Matt Hartley

"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE “We are One in the Spirit” (STF: 2223)**

**“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

**Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (R)**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (R)**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (R)**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical) in Unison)**

"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 (Responsive)

Our gracious God, we pause these moments for a time of rest and renewal. The world is so much with us and we frequently lose our sense of perspective. Sometimes we engage in frenetic activity simply to avoid looking inward. Other times we simply are stressed by all of the commitments in which we are engaged. Help us to follow Jesus' example and find a quiet place and rest awhile. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us to assess the direction our lives are going and to change our course if necessary. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us to find time to nurture the interior journey of our spirits and to make moments when we can be in touch with the eternal. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us with the Psalmist to know that the number of our days is finite, and we are only on a journey. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us not to fear the quiet and silence but instead to see it as a time for centering our lives once again. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us, when we have found a quiet place and rested awhile, then to go forward again to reach out in service to this world of people and its needs. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

O God, we often feel that the needs of the world are so overwhelming. Help to reach out to alleviate the world's suffering. Help us to put our influence on the side of justice and peace. Help us to be open to the hurts of others whom you put in our path each week. In all these ways help us to have compassion for your needy children. Lord, God of the Sabbath,

Hear the prayers of your people.

Be also with all who need your special graces this day. For those who struggle day to day to maintain home, health, and family. For those who are sick with chronic illness and with all those things that nag at us. For those who feel the pain of loss, both acutely, and with that dull ache that leaves them yearning for relief. For those who are anxious, depressed and who simply don't feel right within themselves. For all in harm's way, both friends and enemies, whose lives

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.

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

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

are at the mercy of some other power, some other reality. For all these and ourselves, Lord, God of the Sabbath,
Hear the prayers of your people. 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**

Go! Get some rest and find in that rest renewal.

We go in the name of the Lord!

Go to embrace and be embraced by the promised presence of God.

We go to love and serve the Lord. Amen!

***HYMN OF PARTING NO. 439 "In Christ There Is No East Or West"**

**1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.**

**3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"May the God of Hope"

**"May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call."**



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
 This Week at Highlands
 Week of July 22nd – July 28th, 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

“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 9th SUNDAY after Pentecost. We are very happy to welcome Matt Hartley back to Highlands! 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.

Dr. Dave and Susan are away in NC visiting with his family for the celebration of his Dad’s 95th Birthday and the baptism of his grandniece, Nola Grace Lee. They will be traveling home tomorrow.

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. Four 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: 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, Jo and Libby McJunkin.

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: Charlie and DeAn Winton, The Wolfson Family and Paul and Sarah Wubbena.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Mark and Bonnie Vanderberg. Children's Church Leader: Chad Sambito.

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given to the glory of God by Tyler and Candy Cole in honor of their children's anniversaries.