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**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
July 29, 2018**

**“What Fills Us?”**

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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“Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were FILLED, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”” (John 6:10-12)

Today is the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time and the 10th Sunday After Pentecost.

As we prepare our hearts and minds to be open to the Word, we'll listen to an acoustic guitar interpretation of Psalm 145. You are invited and encouraged to turn to Psalm 145 on page 581 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible.

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.

Our first Hymn is "O God of Earth and Space" by Presbyterian hymnist, Jane Parker Huber.

The tune Leoni was named for the Jewish cantor, Michael Leon (1750-1797).

# HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## A Celebration of Worship

July 29, 2018 – 17<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

The grass is green.

**And we are glad to be here.**

Jesus welcomes us here and offers to feed us once again.

**Thanks be to God who gathers us!**

All who are thirsty, come!

**God is the fountain for our lives.**

All who are hungry, come!

**Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.**

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

**The Holy Spirit gathers us to be fed.**

#### GATHERING PRAYER (responsive)

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day.

**Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith.**

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ,

**whose love is beyond all knowledge.**

Help us comprehend even the smallest part

**of the beautiful mystery of your grace.**

Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us.

**Hear us as we pray your gift of prayer to us, "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. 274

#### "O God of Earth and Space"

**1. O God of earth and space, Of sea and fire and air,  
Your providence surrounds us here And everywhere.  
In fruit and grain and tree, In shelter from the cold,  
In cooling breezes, flowing wells, Now as of old.**

\*- if comfortable, please stand

2. Where faithfulness is shown, Where love and truth abound,  
Where beauty graces human life, There You are found.  
Inspirer of all thought! Creative force of art!  
The melody on every tongue, In every heart!

3. Wherever freedom reigns, Where sin is overthrown,  
Where justice fused with mercy rules, There You are known.  
Give us the courage clear To make the earth a home  
For all to live in harmony In Christ's shalom.

4. Your word commands response And summons us to life.  
We follow, strengthened by Your grace,  
In calm or strife. Our ever-present help, Our challenge and our prod,  
We praise You now and to life's end, Eternal God.

**\*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. 438, vs. 1)

***"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**

We are people fed to the full, but we still are not satisfied. Have we decided that we can never have enough even when our cup runs over? We wrestle with and struggle against God's hold on us. And yet, God loves us and forgives us. Let us pray:

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God.

**Forgive us that we forget that by your presence and power,  
very little can do so much.**

We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us.

**Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or  
embrace the despair of those around us.**

We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers.

**Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run  
up to them and embrace them with your grace.**

We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives on keeping up with others.

**Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us  
by you, Jesus our Brother. Amen.**

Leon, whose stage name was Michael Leoni, was unusual in that he had a dual career as a cantor, and as a secular musician, singing in opera and theatre productions, as well as at the synagogue. His reputation encouraged a number of Gentiles, including the Methodist Thomas Olivers, to come to the Great Synagogue in London on Friday nights to hear him. Olivers was so impressed by Leoni's moving rendition of the hymn *Yigdal* that he determined to write words for a church hymn using the melody. The result was the hymn *The God of Abraham Praise*, which we sing today as *O God of Earth and Space*.

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 worshiping 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.*

**“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.

Today’s anthem is a choral arrangement of the timeless hymn, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arranged by Roland Martin. You may follow the text with Hymn No. 356.

In response to the Word which fills us we sing **“Where Is Bread?”** by Jane Parker Huber. She reminds us in the hymn that Christ is the source of our food, spiritual and physical needs, and that we, having been filled, are called to provide food, spiritual and physical needs for others.

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Listen! Come to the One who covers us with compassion, who feeds us in grace and mercy.

**What good news! 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.”**

**“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Kings 4:42-44

(OT: p.336)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Come, Thou Fount"**

**Martin**

(Text may be found in Hymn No. 356)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS**

Ephesians 3:14-21

(NT: p.193)

\*John 6:1-21

(NT: p.97)

**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**

**“What Fills Us?”**

**"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD "**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**Where Is Bread?**

(Tune: "God Is Here!")

**"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —  
Thousands strong, yet all in need.**

**"Where is bread?" your people wondered,  
Faced with such a crowd to feed.**

**Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?**

**One small boy brought food to share.**

**Taking what he gave, you blessed it;**

**All were fed, with much to spare.**

**Where is bread? We know their yearning;  
Every day, we wish for more. God, in time, we're slowly learning:  
All we own can make us poor.  
Our possessions can possess us, Leaving hunger deep inside.  
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; At your feast, we're satisfied.**

**"Where is bread?" the call is rising; Millions cry who must be fed.  
God, your answer seems surprising:  
"You, my Church, you give them bread."  
Bread to fill each hungry spirit, Bread for hungry stomachs, too!  
Give us bread and help us share it. Richly blest, may we serve you."**

**\*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 (Responsive)**

We hear many words Lord, and we ask, "Are these the words of life?"

**From a hillside,  
coming in torrents like the rain and still and alone  
muffled and shouted, whispered and sung  
laughed and cried.**

Words, that give us faith to live, that say "It Is I".

**Diminishing our fear, spoken to keep us going,  
shouted to make us stop.**

You, Lord Jesus, you are the words of life the gift of the Spirit.

**You bid us sit down and listen.  
You feed the thousands on the hillsides,  
multiply loaves and fish, and more is left over.**

You walk across the seas

**and calm the storms,  
preach to the multitudes,  
converse with a woman at the well.**

You, Lord God, you are the words of life, the gift of the Spirit.

**You speak from a burning bush,  
you build us to be a temple,  
you lift and forgive us and help us walk,  
you give sight to the blind,  
you raise up the dead.**

You bless the children.

**You call them to move, to act, to care, to follow, to share.**

We use "The Apostles' Creed" to corporately affirm our personal faith. We are a 'creedal' 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 the church, "God of the Sparrow," which reminds us as we go that no need is beyond God's ability to meet. We recognize our need for God's care, God's mercy, and God's favor as God's own children.

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.

You, Holy God, Lord Jesus, you are the words of life, the gift of the Spirit.  
**You call us to love our enemies, forgive our friends,  
welcome the stranger, comfort the mourner.**  
You, Lord Jesus, you are the words of life the gift of the Spirit.  
**You heal our hearts, bind up our wounds,  
comfort the sick, the dying, those who are sad.  
Restore health and happiness and give hope.**  
We listen for your words, and we hear and rejoice forevermore.  
**Amen.**

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn No. 592)**  
**"Praise God, ... Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."**

### **\*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.**

### **\*PARTING HYMN NO. 272 "God of the Sparrow"**

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say, Praise?**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE**

**God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?**

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**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
 This Week at Highlands  
 Week of July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**This Week's Calendar of Events:**

<b>Today:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<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 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Needing to get away for some rest, Jesus and the disciples are faced with the dilemma of feeding a crowd of over 5000. Exhausted from much effort, once again Jesus wants to 'get away.' He sends the disciples ahead in the boat and for the second miracle of the day he walks to meet them on the water. We look to be 'filled' today with much food for thought.

**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. 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!

**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!**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS FOR THE FALL NEWSLETTER?** We'll be pulling it together this week and need YOUR information that you wish to share with the congregation.

**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. Six 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 AND UNDER GOING TEST THIS WEEK:** Tom Douget's brother, Tim, in Houston and Jim Walters (in and out).

**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:** 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.

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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](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 under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

**FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK:** Greig and Karen Young, Kathy Zeigler and Highlands United Presbyterian Church.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: Rick and Nancy Marsh. Children's Church Leader: Erika Conner.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by Patty Strader in loving memory of Paul and Jimmy Greenwood.

The rose on the organ today is in honor of Selah Jane Sambito born July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:40a.m. This gift from God is the daughter of Chad and Laura Sambito and the grandchild of Vic and Betty Stewart and Sam Sambito and Cindy Smith-Ellisen. Proud big brothers, Colton and Nolan, are excited to welcome this 7 pound 19.25 bundle of joy into their family.