



# **HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**OCTOBER 15, 2017**

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**The Rev. Mr. Bill Emery**

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## “ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD”

(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

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, based on Psalm 106)

Those who do justice and righteousness are pleasing in God's sight, and their lives give praise to God at all times. Give thanks to God who is all together good,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

May God be mindful of us, the people of God's heart, and may we know the abundance of the covenant between us. Give thanks to God who is all together good,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Though we have fallen short of God's hope, with mercy we are guided back to the fold by teachers, leaders, prophets, and friends. Give thanks to God who is all together good,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (responsive)

God of mighty deeds and gentle mercies,

**we gather to give you praise this day.**

We join with all of creation in uttering our small words of thanks

**for your steadfast love which endures forever.**

May our very lives be lived as a song of praise to you,

**the God of our salvation.**

Here us, Lord, as 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."**

#### \*HYMN NO. 150

**“Come, Christians Join to Sing”**

#### \*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...)

\*- Those who are comfortable may please stand

**\*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 (Unison)**

We, gathered in God's presence, come in humble reliance upon God's grace to a moment of self inspection and self reflection. We know God calls us, in Christ, to lead lives of peace and wholeness. We also know we fall short of the mark. Let us pray together:

**God of infinite forgiveness, we implore you this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Feel the powerful warmth of God's love for you! God is with you, healing and restoring your lives and bringing you peace. This is the good news from our persistent and patient God. God is pleased with us and, with this assurance in our hearts, we can live as God's praiseworthy people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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**

Psalm 106:1-6

(OT: p.557)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS**

Philippians 4:1-9

(NT: p.198)

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

**SERMON**

**“Temporary Happiness or Permanent Joy?”**

**The Rev. Mr. Bill Emery**

**"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 339**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**\*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.”**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)**

We give thanks to you, God, for our lives, which you have blessed.

You lead us through days when the shadow of death overtakes us,  
and keep our hearts tender in the midst of loss and disappointment.

We pray for people whose hearts are breaking,  
and for people who are afraid to love and be loved.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

We give thanks to you, God, for giving us a ministry of reconciliation in this world.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who is our peace.

We pray for broken relationships in families and among friends.

We pray for peace within congregations and between countries and cultures.

May all be reconciled through your peace.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of being made one of your people,  
and being given a spiritual home in the Body of Christ.

We pray for our congregation and its leaders.

Nurture in each of us a seasoned faith  
and give birth to a lively faith in our midst.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for trusting us to be stewards of your word,  
and witnesses to your works of forgiveness, healing, and freedom.

We give thanks for the hope you place among us in the promises of your word.

We pray that we will trust you in return, believing in your transforming power,  
proclaiming it with confidence, and opening ourselves to it even  
as we welcome others to its hope.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

We give thanks to you, O God, that this morning we have opened our eyes  
to a new day and the privilege of life.

We pray for people who have come to fear a new day,  
for those who are depressed, and for those who have lost the joy  
of seeing what is good and wondrous in this world.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

We give you thanks for feeding us with living bread and for the hope it offers.

We pray for those so very near to us who are hurting in so many ways,  
and for those very far from us whose lives are in upheaval.

Help us and our world put away from all bitterness and wrath and anger and  
wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us. Help us to  
be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and  
gave himself up for us, and became for us living bread.

**Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

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

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY (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.”**

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Responsive)**

God is good!

**All the time!**

We rejoice in our God at all times and give God  
**our never-ending praise and thanksgiving.**

God is good!

**All the time!**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING NO. 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Let us go forth in faith in our incomparable 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 Spirit give 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.**

**\*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 October 15 – October 22, 2017

**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.	Session Meeting
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting and Sewing Group
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Wellness (Yoga @ 10 and Adult Logos@11)
	4:00 p.m.	Logos enjoys its 25 <sup>th</sup> year @ HUPC
	7:15 p.m.	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 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**

**WELCOME ONE ANOTHER...AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU!**

**WE WELCOME back to our pulpit, a friend of Highlands, The Rev. Bill Emery, as our guest preacher today.** Rev. Emery went to Princeton Theological Seminary, served churches in Pennsylvania and in South Florida before coming to Arlington Presbyterian from whence he retired and then served as a Parish Associate in South Florida before retiring again. Bill lives close by in Colony Cove, Fort Caroline Area.

**FAMILY PROMISE “WHEELS ON THE BUS”:** The Family Promise bus is on the road 365 days a year. It delivers families to and from host churches, to job interviews, to doctor appointments and, most exciting of all, the families' new apartments. Unfortunately, it is time for the bus to be replaced with a newer one. Our Crafty Ladies have generously offered to match every dollar given by the congregation up to \$1500, to the "Wheels on the Bus" fund. **Please make your check out to HUPC and, mark for “Wheels on the Bus” by October 15.** You can help keep families on the road to success!

**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.

**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!**

**WE'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME AT LOGOS!!** Our LOGOS program is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> 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 "Abracadabra Magic Night" and you are invited to bring coins for the JEMM Offering.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Trick-or-Treat!!!** PYC will be donning their costumes and haunting the streets to collect canned goods for ACS. If you'd like to see our wonderful costumes and donate to help feed families in our community, please sign up in the Dining Hall or email Laura today! They'll be collecting next Sunday, October 22nd between 5:00 and 7:00pm.

### **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!

**RAISE THE ROOF:** When we kicked off the Raise the Roof Campaign in May, it appeared a necessary but a daunting financial challenge. Thanks to Hurricane Matthew, the sanctuary roof was badly leaking and with an active hurricane season expected, we could not wait! So as a congregation of believers, we stepped out in faith and contracted for this unbudgeted repair and you exceeded all expectations. Over 37 families provided money not only for repairs but a surplus of nearly \$4000 to help with the many unfunded repairs around the campus and even possibly provide gutters!! As promised, this campaign concluded on October 1<sup>st</sup> as we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and appropriately as rain pounded down on our new roof, we worshipped comfortably dry! Well Done and to the HUPC faithful - thank you.

**MONTGOMERY PRESBYTERIAN CENTER** is hosting Senior Adult Ministries from around the Presbytery. The morning will begin with a continental breakfast followed by the program, worship and music and a delicious 3 course meal. Registration is at 9:30 am and the program is from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. The cost is \$18 (which includes the continental breakfast and lunch) Registration forms are available in the office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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. Thirty-five 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:**

**OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES:** *At Brookdale Southside:* ( 9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256), Al Hummel (126); Louise Keen (Clare Bridge); Hank Green (N-122); *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:** 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, Nancy Moewe, 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).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jacob Loerop ( [Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil](mailto:Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil), IT3 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)) AT2 Powell, Amelia N., VAQ-140, Unit 200107 Box 142, FPO AP 96601.

**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:** Joey Guckenberger, The Gundersen Family and Don and Linda Hall.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: Dennis and Donna Vach. Children's Church Leader: Erika Conner.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by the Kleppen Family in memory of Jim and Pauline Cunningham and Melvin and Genevieve Kleppen.