



# **HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

25<sup>th</sup> of Ordinary Time

**“A FAIR WAGE”**

### **HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

(Matthew 20:15-16)

Today is the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday following  
Pentecost and the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time..

As we prepare for  
worship we'll listen to a  
jazz reflection on the  
Psalm of the Day  
Number 145 from the  
album "Emotions Of  
My Heart" by Luguzy  
Atkins. Psalm 145 is a  
Psalm of Praise that  
calls forth images of  
the greatness of God.  
We'll use the Psalm for  
our Call to Worship  
today as well.

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.  
Today we echo the  
gospel lesson from  
Matthew.

Our "Gathering Prayer"  
is an opportunity for us  
to center our minds  
and hearts on the  
presence of God in our  
worship today.

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## "A Celebration of Worship"

September 24, 2017 -- 25<sup>th</sup> of Ordinary Time

### "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 "Praise Unfolding"** Eithun  
The Highlands Handbell Choir

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 145: 1-8)

Come, let's praise God together!

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,

His mighty acts throughout history:

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us;

His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren,  
so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's worship God together!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (responsive)

"Fresh as each morning you come to us, Crafter of manna.

**Your grace rests gently upon us, waiting to be gathered,  
to become the bread of life we share throughout the day.**

Fresh as compassion's justice, you come to us, Servant of the  
poor.

**Choosing to give as you desire, you show us the last,  
so we can make them first in our hearts and hopes.**

**Doing no wrong, you make us right with God for all time.**

Fresh as the water which turns a desert into a meadowland of flowers,  
Spirit of uninterrupted grace, you come to us.

**When we would grumble, you give us the gospel to live out;  
when we would protest, you teach us songs of praise;  
when we would utter laments, you fill us with God's laughter.**

Refreshing God, replenish us with your presence as we pray as Jesus  
taught, saying. . . Our Father... Amen.

\*-If comfortable, please stand

**\*HYMN**

**“ALL WHO HUNGER”**

(Tune: Holy Manna)

**“All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering, here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food,  
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming, here, in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood,  
taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing, here in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this blessing live their lives in gratitude,  
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.”**

**\*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 (Responsively)**

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

**It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, but we hoard it as if we can store up the manna for ourselves.**

**Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

**\*HYMN NO. 572**

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

Our opening Hymn is one written for the day entitled, “All Who Hunger” which speaks of today’s themes which go beyond our desire for ‘physical’ food.

In our final ‘gathering act’ we “**Pass the Peace**” as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love.

**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 and the “**Assurance of Forgiveness**” echo themes for the day.

“The Proclamation of God’s Word” is central in the life of the worshiping 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 “Day By Day” by K. Lee Scott who sets to music the words of a Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century: *Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ For all the benefits Thou hast given me, For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly.*”

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.

God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

**God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. 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**

Exodus 16:2-15

(OT: p. 62)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be To God!**

### **ANTHEM**

**“Day By Day”**

K. Lee Scott

“Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus, for all the benefits which thou hast won for us;

For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us, O merciful redeemer, friend and brother.

“Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

### **\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS**

Philippians 1: 21-30

(NT: p. 196)

\*Matthew 20:1-16

(NT: p. 21)

### **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 #207.)

### **SERMON**

**“A FARE WAGE”**

## **"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"**

### **\*HYMN OF NO. 426**

**“Lord, Speak to Me”**

### **\*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)

For this Lord's day gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all peoples and their leaders, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers, as well as those who are seeking work at any wage.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms. For the safety and security of home, as well as those who are homeless.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the suffering, travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, we offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord.**

Gracious and merciful God, who honors the last as well as the first, hear the prayers we offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord....

**Amen.**

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### "O Lord, Most Holy"

Franck/arr. Hopson

"O Lord most holy, O lord most mighty,  
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always.

Help us to know Thee,  
Know Thee and love Thee;  
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;  
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our wilful hearts,  
Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts;  
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;  
And in temptation's hour,  
Save through Thy mighty power,  
Thine aid, O send us;  
Hear us in mercy.  
Show us Thy favour,  
So Shall we live and sing praise to Thee."

## \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (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."

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.

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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 another two hymns in one offering. The familiar "Come Thou Fount" and a new hymn "There Are Many Ways of Sharing" combine using the tune of "Come Thou Fount" to give us a fitting challenge as we 'go into the world.'

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.

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

May the powerful presence of God

**move before us and behind us in all the joys and struggles of our daily lives.**

We step out in celebration

**to honor the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit.**

Go into the world, filled with God's presence like manna, content with the wages of enough, determined to be God's person this week.

**We step out, in faith.**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING NO. 434 "Today We Are All Called to Be..."**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**"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.**

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**\*- Those who are comfortable may please stand**

**Next Sunday is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Sanctuary  
Join Us For The Day's Celebration:**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome/Registration and an intergenerational Sunday School event in the Sanctuary. We will sing hymns and share stories together as we begin our celebration.**

**9:45 a.m. we will share a 'time of fellowship' in the courtyard (weather permitting) to meet and greet one another.**

**10:15 a.m. Morning Worship to give God thanks and praise for 50 years of worship, service and life together inspired by the presence of God in our Sanctuary.**

**Following worship everyone is invited to come 'across the way' to our Dining Hall for an Anniversary Luncheon as our celebration continues.**

**Please reserve your place at our Luncheon by signing up!  
\$15.00 per person**

**(Preschool Children: Donation/ Proceeds cover lunch and a commemorative glass)**

**Please reserve your place after worship today or before Wednesday, September 27 at [hupcjax.org](http://hupcjax.org) or by calling the church office (641-9622)!**

**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
This Week at Highlands  
Week of September 24 – September 30, 2017



**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>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Quilting and Sewing Group</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Wellness (Yoga @ 10 and Adult Logos @11)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Logos enjoys its 25<sup>th</sup> year @ HUPC</b>
	7:15 p.m.	<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Adult Handbell Rehearsal</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**

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

**LOGOS IS BACK IN FULL SWING!!** 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 "Happy Birthday Sanctuary" and you are invited to wear your favorite church shirt. 😊

**SESSION WILL MEET** tomorrow, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**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!**

**THE BARNABAS CLUB WILL MEET again today as we contribute financially to Hurricane and flood relief in the wake of Harvey and Irma.** Baskets for the offering are in the back of the sanctuary. Please mark your contributions for "Relief." Thanks to those who have already given. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information on the response of "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." We have received over \$1000.00 so far.

**Next Sunday, OCTOBER 1 WE WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY!** We, of course, hope you will be with us as we share a most special day of worship and celebration. We are going to recall the special occasions that have taken place in this place including baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, weddings and services of Witness to the Resurrection. Please help us by inviting your family and friends who share these occasions with us to be here for the day! We are putting out a list of folks and we need your help to invite them. Check the Dining Hall for the list.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA** – The answers to last week's questions: The Highlands Presbyterian sanctuary was dedicated on October 1, 1967. The worship service on that date was led by Rev, Robert Purrington, Highlands' first minister. Since that date, 327 children have been baptized in the church. The cost of the original sanctuary was \$60,828.40.

**DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL STORIES AND MEMORIES OF EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE SANCTUARY?** Do us a favor and write us a note with your memory. Email it to us at [hupc\\_jax@bellsouth.net](mailto:hupc_jax@bellsouth.net) and/or write it out and bring in to the church office.

**MICAH'S BACK PACK** is off to a great start – even with a few interruptions! The 'food list' is available in the office. We can use any and all items on the list and we, of course, gladly accept financial contributions. Make sure you mark your checks, "Micah's. Want to help? Call Bonnie or come on the Thursday at 5:15 p.m. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and supporters!

### **OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE**

**FAMILY PROMISE** – Even though Irma tried to disrupt, our Family Promise visit went very smoothly. Thanks to the many volunteers as well as those of you who helped with much needed supplies – including new towels and sheets!

**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 a new baby clothes, blankets and more. You are a blessing. Highlands's 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. Forty one 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:** Don Hall at Mayo.

**OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES:** *At Brookdale Southside:* ( 9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256), Al Hummel; 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 (c/o Teri Grimm, 4206 Harbour Island Dr. 32225), Bill DuVall at Community Hospice on Sunbeam Road.

**AT HOME:** Kit Fink, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Nancy Hoot, Kinzey & Betty Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash. Carolyn Starkweather is out of the hospital and will be back in Jacksonville soon.

**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).

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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](http://hupcjax.org) under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION WILL BE** held on Saturday, September 30 at 10 a.m. for Mary Lou McNaughton. You are invited to join with us in our praise and thanks to God for the gift to us of Mary Lou. A reception to greet her family will follow,

**FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK:** Charlene Ferren, Kit Fink and John and Inge Forchtner.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: Mark and Bonnie Vanderberg. Children's church Leader: David Bauerlein.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by Charles and Betsy Goodyear.