



***HIGHLANDS UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 2, 2018 -- 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Make Them Known”

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“Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” (Mark 7:14-16)

(This column and these notes are intended to enhance our worship with some inspiration and information.)

The Music and Time of Preparation

Is a tribute to the incomparable Aretha Franklin who died this week attaining a place she surely describes in the Gospel Class, "Never Grow Old." The first lines, "I have heard of a land on the faraway strand this a beautiful home of the soul. Built by Jesus on high there we never shall die This the land where we'll never grow old," certainly illustrates the faith of this great singer whose heart, although she was known for far more, was in the Gospel genre.

Today we come to worship and we will gather at both Font and Table. We pray for God's Holy Spirit to be in and among us today.

Our 'Gathering Prayer' invites us to enter into a 'sacred place' with God who calls us and invites us to worship.

Our 1st Hymn, "There's A Spirit In The Air" is descriptive of our life together as a church. Written by Brian Wren who is one of the most prolific hymnists of the century, this hymn calls us to embrace our life and calling as the church of Jesus Christ led by the Holy Spirit.

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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"WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP AT THE FONT AND TABLE"

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

(Take this opportunity to pause for a moment and pray for God's presence among us today, our worship leaders, those who worship with you and for yourself. May we also prepare our hearts as we come to the table.)

WELCOME AS WE GATHER & SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Table is set.

And we are glad to be here.

The Font is brimming.

And we are glad to be here.

Sacramental grace promises to fill us today.

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, family and friends, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Font and Table.

***GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)**

"Loving God,

we come to worship this day to celebrate how we can hear your word and how we can do your word.

We come to taste and see that you are good.

As you love us, help us to love others. And hear us as we 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. 433**

"There's A Spirit In The Air"

PASSING THE PEACE

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:**

**"I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me."**

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP"

*OUR CONFESSION

Do we honor God only with our lips, while keeping our hearts from the Holy One? Do we deceive ourselves, thinking we are religious rather than living faithful lives? Let us confess to God our sin, trusting in the One who seeks to make us whole.

Holy One of leaders and little children, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor.

God of Light, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life. (*Silence is kept*)

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen and understand - the voice of the Beloved speaks to us, implanting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the word of forgiveness into our hearts.

**We listen and understand. Every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.
Amen.**

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

“Consider”

Martin

Consider

*The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:— We are as they;
Like them we fade away,As doth a leaf.*

Consider

*The sparrows of the air of small account: Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount,— He guards us too.*

Consider

*The lilies that do neither spin nor toil, Yet are most fair:—
What profits all this care And all this coil?*

Consider

*The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks; God gives them food:—
Much more our Father seeks To do us good.*

*THE DOXOLOGY & 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.”**

A portion of our preparation for receiving God's Word and coming to the table is our willingness to come confessing our sin. We believe that we are a community of faith and as such share in the sins of all. We are "Called to Confession" as a reminder of our individual and communal sin. Our "Confession and Pardon" gives expression to our desire to know forgiveness. The "Kyrie Eleison" is a choral bridge between our prayers and the "**Assurance of Forgiveness**" which declares our forgiveness. Finally, we give praise to our triune God for the assurance that we are, by grace, forgiven.

Our Offertory Anthem for today is "Consider" by Roland Martin. "Consider" is a choral reminder of Jesus teaching about the 'lilies of the field' which is about God's provision for us. It's a perfect anthem as we move from summer: flowers, birds, God's grace ... what more could you ask for?

“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

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

(We use the ‘common lectionary’ which is a guide that assigns readings over a three-year cycle. God’s people are given the opportunity to hear and read along in God’s Word from the Bible).

In response to the Word read there is the ‘preaching of the word for our living today.’ This includes words for ‘the young church’ and all who gather.

In the Reformed Tradition the portion of worship that follows the Proclamation of the Word is how we, having heard the Word read and preached, respond to that word in the remainder of worship, as in our Offering, and also as we go into the world.

Today we also respond to the Word in the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(OT: p. 163)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

James 1:17-27

(NT: p. 229)

* Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

(NT: p. 42)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

COMMUNION MEDITATION “Make Them Known”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE TABLE NO. 507

“I COME WITH JOY” (vss. 1-3)

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (RESPONSIVE)

(The Lord’s table is open to all who confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.)

By the grace of God, we are gathered at the Font and welcomed,
into the community of God’s people.

Jesus pauses with us, his community, here, at the table of grace,
so that we might be fed.

We gather, forgiven, in the blessing of his presence in our midst.

Come and eat! Come and drink! The master calls us to be nourished
so that we can call others.

We embrace the call and gather at the table.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

My beloved sisters and brothers, may the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

My beloved brothers and sisters, lift up your hearts.

Our hearts are offered to our God.

My beloved sisters and brothers, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our lips.

Our hearts do handsprings, and our joy echoes off the mountains, Creator of all: rich and poor, man and woman, child and grandparent, gnat and galaxy. Created in your image, we ridicule others who look different from us; our lungs filled with the Spirit's breath, we laugh at those who are not as good as we imagine we are. But even when we turn our backs on you, your love is steadfast and your grace is abundant. And so, with all your people, those on earth and those around your throne, those beside us in this moment and those with you throughout eternity, we join in everlasting song: **(Sung)**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here."**

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus, your Son, our Brother, our Savior. Jesus has done everything well: eating and drinking with sinners, he taught us that there is a place at the Table for each and every one of us; responding to the cries of the poor, he shows us we are all equal in God's heart; clearing the eyes of the blind and opening the ears of the deaf, inviting children to sit on his lap and conversing with the outsiders of his day, he models the radical inclusiveness of your kingdom. As we remember all you did in and through him - his words, his touch, his laughter, his silence, his pain, his loneliness, his death, his resurrection - we offer ourselves in trust and hope, in service and sacrifice, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **(Spoken)**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

May the Spirit of the Risen Lord be poured out on us in this place, and on the gifts of the bread and the cup. As we take the broken loaf, we feast, not on the crumbs which fall from the Table, but on the grace which makes us whole; on the hope which makes us one; on the love which calls us to serve: to welcome the immigrants to our neighborhood, to teach the little child to read, to affirm the awkward adolescent, to share our bread and all we have with those in need, until that day when Christ returns and all shall feast at his banquet in heaven. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, Great God, our hope, our trust, our redemption, now and forever. **(Sung)**

**"Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise."**

In the Presbyterian tradition all who claim and call upon Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited and encouraged to gather with the church at the table in a communal act of acknowledging the saving grace of Christ.

"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" is shared from the table and acts as a 'blessing' or 'grace' as we gather. This prayer recounts God's gracious creative power, our sinfulness and Christ's coming to redeem us and make us whole.

The 'table' is not an altar for sacrifice, but a table upon which are symbols of Christ's body and blood given freely for us. We believe that Christ is the 'lamb of God' sacrificed for us once and for all on the cross.

The Words of Institution area scriptural evidence of the sharing of the Lord's Supper in the very early church. "Instituted" means in this case to be established as the norm for future use. These words with some variation have been used throughout the history of the church to bring the present-day table into the context of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Today Communion will be brought to our pews. As you remain in your seats, Elders will bring the elements to you. It is our tradition to receive the bread and say as you pass it, "The body of Christ, given for you." And likewise, as you receive and pass the cup say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." We invite you to hold the elements, bread and then the cup. We commune together as the Pastor says, "Take and Eat..." and "Take and drink..."] (In the tray the inner circles are wine, and the outer circles are grape juice.)

As we, filled by Word and Sacrament go into the world our parting hymn is "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ."

All are invited to come 'across the way' to our Dining Hall for a time of Fellowship following our Service of Worship.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

(Elders will come to your pew and offer the bread saying, "This is Christ's Body Given for You," which you are asked to repeat as you pass the bread to your neighbor. Likewise, when offered the cup you will hear and then say, "This is Christ's blood, shed for you." It is the custom of the church to hold the bread and commune together and then likewise the cup. Wine is in the center rings of the tray.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

"Eternal God, we thank you for making this no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with Jesus, the living bread. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to nourish others with his life and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

We have come this day in joy to Font and Table.

We've made promises and have been nourished to keep them.

As we leave here may we go to 'do' the Word in our living.

We Go In Love, To Serve The Lord!

***PARTING HYMN NO. 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues"**

**Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, At the table He sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:**

**God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS

This Week at Highlands
Week of September 2nd – September 8th, 2018



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday:		Office Closed
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting and Sewing Group
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Wellness (Yoga @10:00 & Adult Logos @ 11:00) Lunch Bunch – Soul Food Bistro Logos Kickoff Dinner Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Micah's Backpack Packing

"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.**

HOW TO REACH US: The new primary email for the church is hchurchjax@gmail.com which will be for all church related concerns. Anneliese (Church Admin.) will be hupca1967@gmail.com for church related matters that need her attention and a direct response. Dr. Dave's personal church information and other email is: jaxdoc1955@gmail.com. Laura's email continues to be: lsambito@gmail.com and Michele's is still msmichele.hpgp@gmail.com. The hchurchjax@gmail.com address will be our address for Google Drive, etc. as well.

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER today in worship. As we gather, please be in prayer for our worship in word and sacrament. We will be receiving our 2 cents offering for JEMM during the Time with the Young Church.

WE ARE ALSO HAPPY to celebrate the baptism of Meg Linda Norton today. She is the daughter of Chad and Abby Norton and the little sister of Kaelyn. Her proud grandparents are Tyler and Candy Cole. We joyfully welcome Meg into the love and grace of God's family.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. September committee meetings will be next Monday at 7 p.m.

WELLNESS: A **WELCOME** is extended to all to be a part of the Highlands' Wellness and Adult Logos program which continues each Wednesday morning from 10 – noon. All are welcome for either or both elements. **This Wednesday** is our first day back after summer break and is also **LUNCH BUNCH DAY** at Soul Food Bistro (Wal-Mart Shopping Center, Kernan and Atlantic @ 12:30.) JOIN US!

OUR LOGOS 'KICK-OFF' SUPPER IS WEDNESDAY AT 6 p.m. We will have fun and games and a 'tailgate' cookout. Make a reservation (Green slip) and join us for some LOGOS fun. Regular weekly LOGOS begins on September 12 on the regular schedule. (4 - 7 p.m.) It's time for LOGOS 2018-19!

THE CHOIR IS BACK. So is choir practice on Wednesday evenings. We need singers. Join us!

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CRAFTY LADIES WILL NOT MEET MONDAY September 3rd. They will have their monthly business meeting on September 10th. Everyone (women and men) are invited to join the Crafty Ladies as they head towards their annual **Craft Show on November 2nd and 3rd from 9:00 until 3:00 both days.**

CAN YOU HELP WITH 'LOGOS' THIS YEAR? We are still looking for volunteers. Even if you only have as little as 30 minutes, we can find a job for you. 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. (Please talk to Dr. Dave about helping in the kitchen for setup, cooking and clean up.) 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 really is great fun.

HUPC HAS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. Our adult classes are up and running with several options, so you can find at least one (maybe more) that interest you! *The Thoughtful Christian Class* will be studying "End Times" September 9th and 16th. We also have new curriculum for our children and youth and some dedicated teachers ready to have lively and meaningful conversations with your children! PARENTS do you know where your children will be on Sunday mornings? They NEED to be at HUPC so that we can fulfill our vows spoken at their Baptism to nurture them and raise them in the love of their church!! It is the church's responsibility to provide a program (Sunday School, LOGOS, PYC) for your children! It is YOUR responsibility to see that they are here along with you!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! Your generous support of the children in Haiti means their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing are being met. They are even able to attend school in a safe location and feel the love of Christ and the people of Highlands. **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.

MICAH'S BACKPACK volunteers started packing and delivering food for 102 children. Micah's packs every Thursday at 5:30 PM in Harris Hall and you are welcome to join us!

THE FELLOWSHIP FREEZER IS LOOKING EMPTY! If you are having fun trying out some new fall recipes, why not double the batch and bring something to put in fellowship's freezer. We all love the "yum-yum's" they have for us on Sunday mornings, so here's a chance to help. By the way, we also take \$\$ in the donation jar!

FAMILY PROMISE BENEFIT AT THE ALHAMBRA SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4. This musical look at history is based on the drafting and the signing of the Declaration of Independence... if the founding fathers can agree to do it! Don't miss this funny, insightful and rollicking story of our country's creation. Sunday, November 4 benefits Family Promise of Jacksonville. The show starts at 2:00 pm, doors open at 12:00 pm with the meal being served from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Purchase your ticket from Family Promise or a board member and help support homeless families with children. The ticket of \$60 includes the meal, nonalcoholic beverages, tax, gratuities and a donation to Family Promise. Ticket sales end October 22. For tickets, call Beth Mixson at 904-537-3645 or email bethmixson@familypromisejax.org. Family Promise returns to HUPC in late September.

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the Fall Highlands Blood Drive last Sunday! We collected 16 pints, which was one pint over our goal. Donating blood is a vital mission for our church, and we greatly appreciate your participation. The next drive will be in the spring, and you will be hearing from Sharyn' then!

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. We had eight jars of jelly last week. **Don't forget your jelly next Sunday!**

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: JoAn Ewing (surgery and home)

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: Tim Douget (Tom's brother), Jim Walters, Reinhard Bohling, 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, IT2 Jacob Loerop CVN 68 USS Nimitz Unit 100103 Box 1771 FPO AP 96620. Amelia Powell (amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil) 1163 SW 2nd 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. 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: Laddie and Nita Birge, Reinhard and Linda Bohling and Susan Boynton.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Paul and Sarah Wubbena.