

Highland Presbyterian Church

July 7th, 2024
Communion Sunday
10:30 a.m.



Highland Presbyterian Church seeks to be a *diverse* and *inclusive* Christian Community as we embody the love and forgiveness of Jesus by serving the Community and the World, drawing people to Christ.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



Prelude

Bourree

Telemann

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: God is mighty in word and deed.

All: God's mercy is everlasting.

One: God calls us forth into the world.

All: We go with the grace of Jesus Christ.

One: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

All: Glory to God forever. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 377

Call to Confession

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Prayer of Confession (Communal)

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. You call us to go out into the world, yet we would rather stay home. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time for the Children

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Holy Scripture**Mark 6:1—13**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon "Go to the World" Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

*Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* Hymn 69

Offertory *Jesus Is all the World to Me* Thompson / Kevern

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Communal)**

Gracious God, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church. Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eucharist

Communion, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation

The Lord's Prayer (Communal)

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.

Communion Music

Eat this Bread

Hymn 527

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Go to the World

Hymn 295

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Postlude

Jubilation

Young

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week – Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is summer supplies. The weather is getting warmer, and people will be outside more often. Pick up sunscreen, bug spray, a hat or any other items that would be useful during the summertime.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Eat This Bread

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G C Am D Bm

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
 Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
 nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
 drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Em Dsus D G D

Em Bm C Dsus D G

This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

Go to the World!

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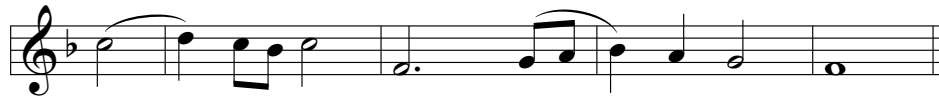
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.