

Highland Presbyterian Church

September 17th, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost
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

God, My Help and Hiding Place

Koizumi/Duck

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Joshua Toulouse

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Jeff Bay

One: Give praise to God!

All: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.

One: Give praise to God!

All: It is God who forgives.

One: Give praise to God!

All: It is God who delivers. With our whole heart, we will praise God!

*Opening Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Hymn 396

Call to Confession

Jeff Bay

Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Time for the Children

Rev. Joshua Toulouse

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Bay

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Matthew 18:21—35

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

“When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

“Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

“When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

“God will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Anthem

Loving and Forgiving

Highland Choir

Sermon

Rev. Joshua Toulouse

Offering Our Gifts

Moment for Mission

Peace and Global Witness

Susan Ambler

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/Dean

*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**)

Rev. Joshua Toulouse

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Hymn 444

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joshua Toulouse

Postlude

Day by Day

Blotten Dag/Curry

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item is canned vegetables. Help us keep our boxes filled with canned vegetables to provide a good side for meals and a healthy option for our neighbors.

Upcoming Events

Happy Highlanders Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, September 19, Happy Highlanders will have a guest performance by Anne Van Curen. She will be giving her “Grandma Gatewood” presentation. Through her characterization, Anne will share the story of the first woman to solo hike the AT. Come join us at 11:30 with your sack lunch. Sweet treats will be provided. Anne’s presentation will begin at 12:00.

Compost Sale and Church Clean Up Saturday, October 7th, 8am-noon

Join the Sustainability and Building & Grounds Committees at the church on **Saturday, October 7th** for our fall compost sale and church clean up. We will have cleaning jobs both inside and outside and the sustainability committee will host its second compost sale with proceeds benefiting sustainability efforts at Highland. Rain date is Saturday, October 14th.

Fall Bible Study *Matthew with Matthew* October 3rd – November 8th

Join Pastor Matthew for a Fall Bible study as we read through the Gospel of Matthew together. This 6-week study will take us all the way through the Gospel as we look at specific passages, historical background, and insights to help you understand this Gospel more. Sessions will be by **Zoom on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm from October 3rd-November 7th** and **Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the parlor from October 4th - November 8th**. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Schedule for Septembert 17th – September 24th

Sunday, September 17 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.** (Guest Preacher Rev. Joshua Toulouse)

Monday –

Tuesday – Quilters at **9 a.m.** Happy Highlanders **11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday – Pastor Matthew returns from vacation. OA- **1 p.m.** Choir Practice **7:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

Thursday – Girl Scouts at **7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Friday –

Saturday –

Sunday, September 24 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time **11:30 a.m.**

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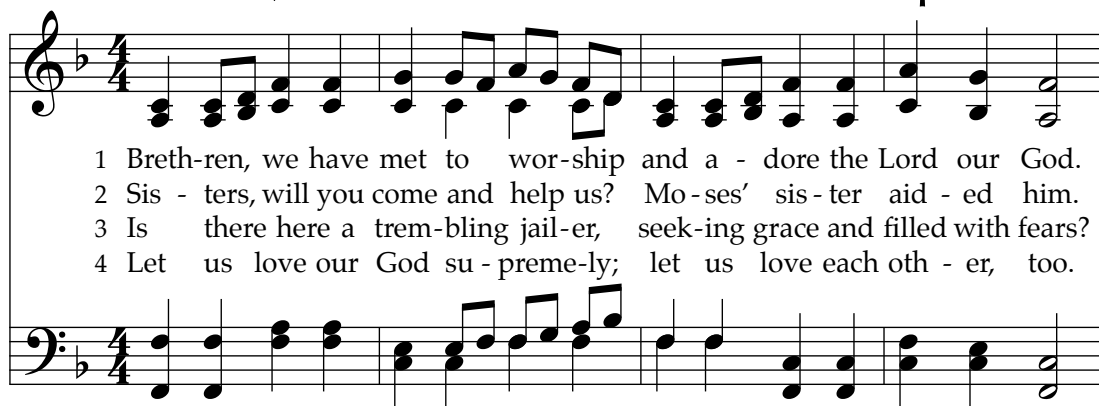
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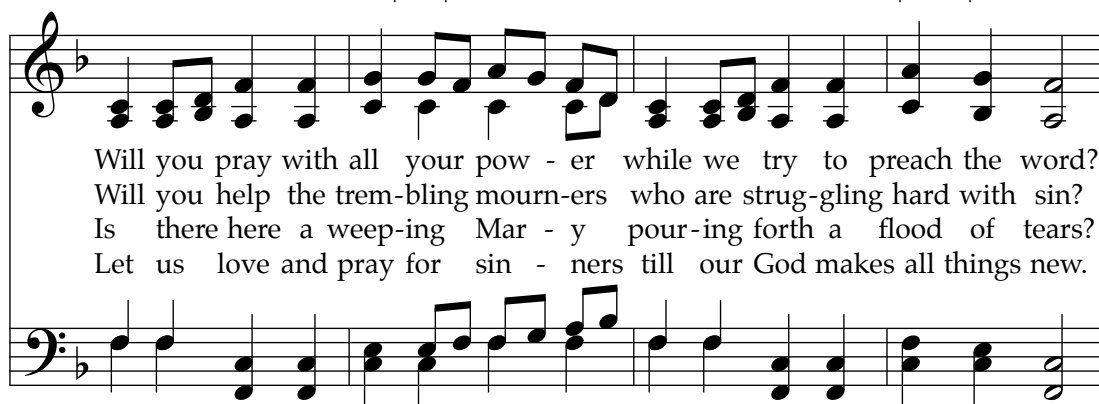
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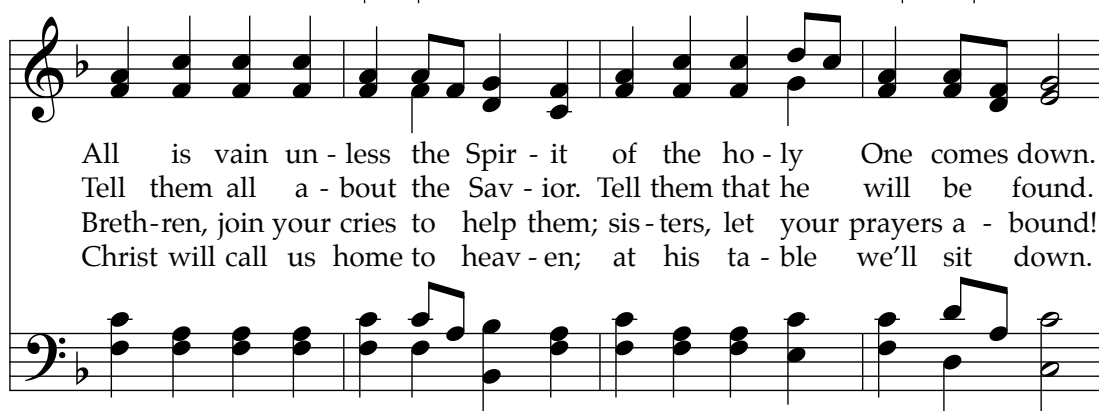
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



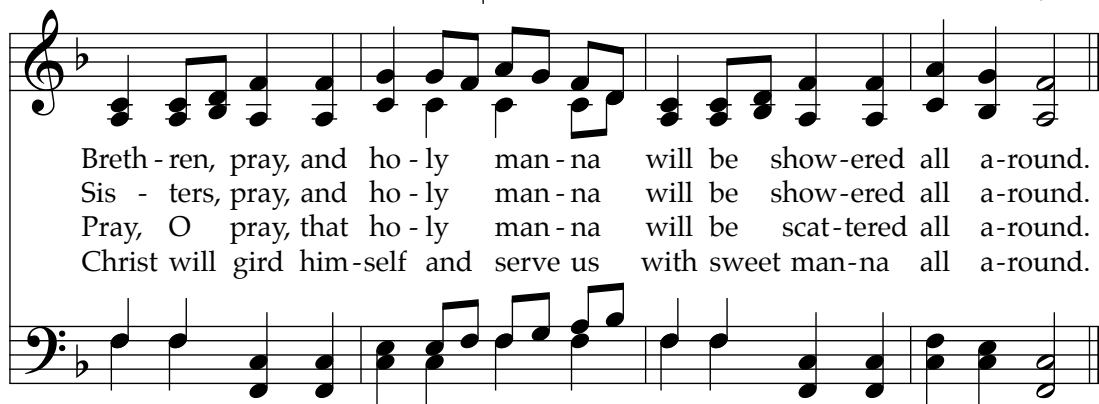
1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)
 Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)
 B \flat Am F Gm Am Dm



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

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