

# Highland Presbyterian Church

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Sunday Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.



Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**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.

Prelude

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

French Melody/ Curry

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## Gathering

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Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Sandy Miller

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.**

One: Praise the name of the Lord,

**All: And the Lord's glory shall be praised,**

One: Come, let us praise the Lord;

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymn 14

Call to Confession

Sandy Miller

Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

**God of mercy,  
your command to love one another  
across all differences  
opens us to new horizons,  
yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.  
Forgive our sins, we pray,  
and give us a true repentance  
that leads to life for all creation.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

One: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to serve the Lord,  
and may you always be known by your love.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Time for the Children

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

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## The Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Miller

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

**Holy Scripture**

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Sermon

“Love One Another” Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Special Music

*They Will Know We are Christians*

Highland Choir

Statement of Faith (**Communal**)

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Indian Folk Melody

Doxology

Hymn 609

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (**Communal**)

Loving God,

We give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People & the 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.**

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## Sending

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\*Closing Hymn

*Today We Are Called to be Disciples*

Hymn 757

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

Postlude

## Upcoming Events at Highland Presbyterian

### Maryville Area Youth Gathering in May - Noon

Maryville Area Youth (M.A.Y.) is a ministry partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for our children and youth to gather around games and fellowship. We share our spaces, resources and combine our numbers together for larger and more consistent events.

Please mark your calendar for the next M.A.Y. **event at Highland on Sunday, May 15 at noon.** It will be a cookout and outdoor games.

### Pastor Matthew Study Leave May 15-22

Pastor Matthew will take a week of study leave to attend a conference at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. Beth Ragsdale will guest preach on Sunday, May 22.

### Happy Highlanders May Gathering- Tuesday, May 17

Our Happy Highlanders will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 am. Bring a lunch and join for great fellowship.

### Weekly Schedule for May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday, May 15 - Sunday Worship **10:30 am.** Free Little Neighborhood Dedication

Monday - Pastor Matthew's Study Leave- **(All Week)**

Tuesday - Highland Quilters- **9am** Happy Highlanders- **11:30 am**

Wednesday - OA- **Noon** Choir Practice- **7:00 p.m.**

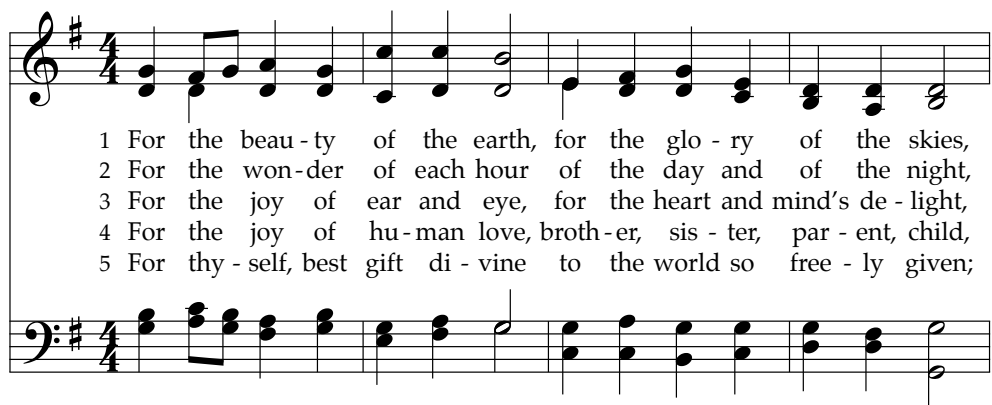
Thursday – Girl Scouts- **7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall.**

Friday -

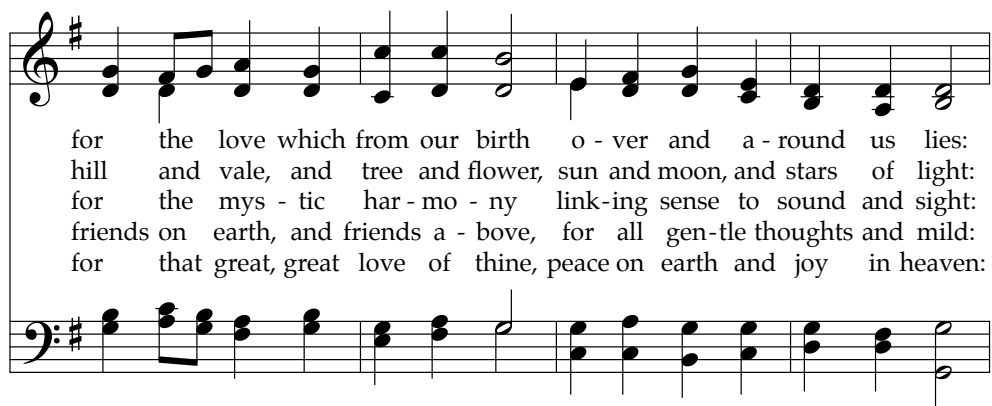
Saturday -

Sunday, May 22 - Sunday Worship **10:30 am.**

## For the Beauty of the Earth 14

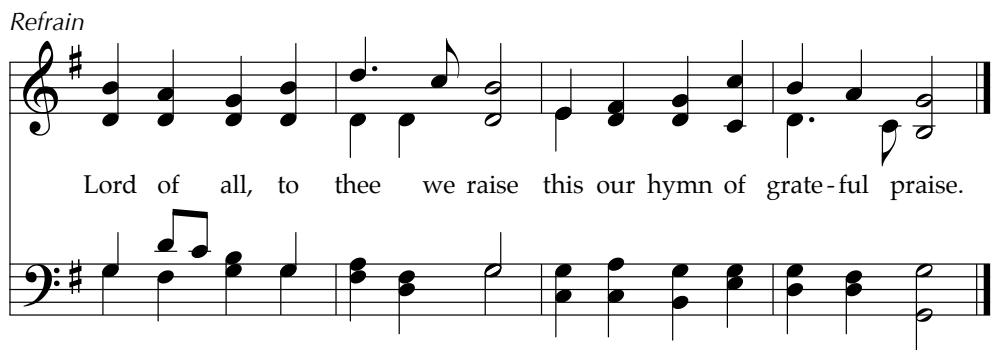


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# 609

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The music is divided into five systems, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

D A D  
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

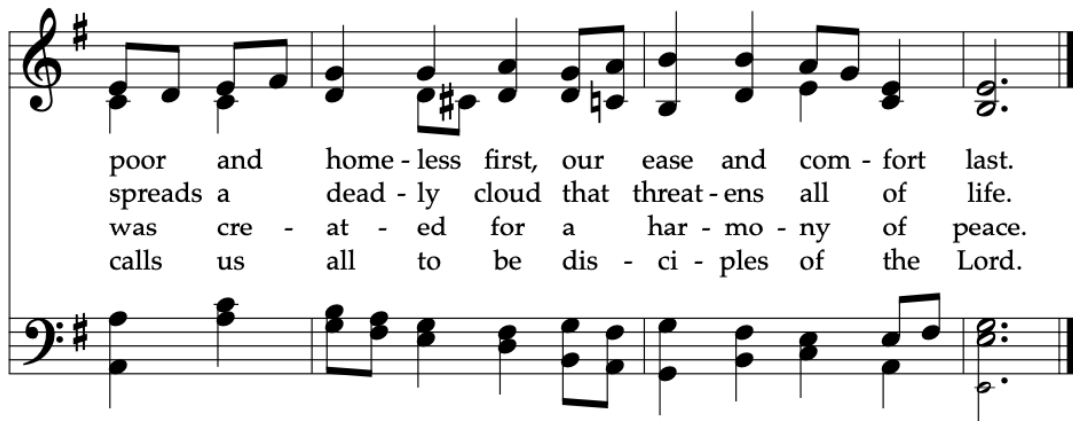
This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.