



Sunday, July 7, 2024

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created

Genesis 1:1-5, 2:1-4a (NIV)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Romina Fano-Balbieri & Brian Summersgill, Coralie Werking & Stan Jacobs, Joyce & Peter DeGarger, Donna Kiser

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Chrispina Giliberti, Coleman Harris, Donna Kinsey, Phil Smith

The white roses recognize and bears witness to the lives and memories of Gene Hannum and Donald Pentz

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:
Tom and Sandy Johnson, in honor of loved ones

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Introduction of Sarah Hostetter

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship:

People: To sing to the One who created all that is good, beautiful, and true, and who has shared everything with us.

Leader: Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

People: To follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives, in every place where we find ourselves.

Leader: Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we come to find the words:

People: To be taught by the Spirit who moves in and through us, as we serve.

*Hymn #469

"Morning Has Broken"

Proclaiming God's Word

Call to Reconciliation

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

We know all too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

We have been created for goodness by You, Creator God, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. Your Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than offer peace to those around us. But You proclaimed that everything created is good, even we foolish children of Yours, God of wonder and grace. With Your Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With Your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of Your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness is transformed by God's goodness; our lives become new by the Spirit of God. The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 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.

At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

West Virginia Mission Trip Commissioning

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, 2:1-4a

Message

"God's Presence"

Rev. Ken Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Anthem

Distribution of Elements

It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God. However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #288

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Ken Osborne

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST



The Memorial Garden Committee flies the American flag three times per year: On Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day in honor of friends and family who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. We invite you to visit the Memorial Garden and enjoy our beautiful Sanctuary setting following the service.

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.