



## **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)**

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

**Greeters:** Romina Fano-Balbieri & Brian Summersgill, Amy Roe, Judy Smith, Kathy & Dan Missildine

**Ushers:** Leigh Shuman, Nancy Holtzapple, Joyce Shaffer, Kay Houghton, Sara Shank

## **The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**

Rita Pickles, in memory of her mother Ruth Ward

Shelby & Jack Snyder, in memory of their parents

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

*Children ages 0 to 4 are welcome to attend our nursery during the service. Children ages 5 and above may use an activity bag from the Narthex during the service and return them afterward. Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 8th.*

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.*

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Blessed be our God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**People: Whose love has conquered death.**

Leader: Blessed be our God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**People: Who leads us into life.**

\*Opening Hymn #478

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

## Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Sarah Hostetter

**Forgiving and Reconciling God, you have given us victory over death in Jesus Christ. But, sometimes we do not feel like conquerors. We focus on our mistakes and call them failures. We struggle whenever we suffer defeat. We allow our worth to be dictated by the culture around us. But, in you, we are always conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves us. Empower us to live by that truth and stand firm in your promises. Amen**

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Sarah Hostetter

Leader: What then are we to say about these things? If God us for us, who is against us? Sisters and Brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Passing of the Peace

Sarah Hostetter

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.**

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Vocal Solo

“The Palms (Les Rameaux)” by Jean-Baptiste Faure

Sydney Hersch

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Message

**“Medal and Podiums”**

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**Responding to God’s Word**

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

*Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex*

**Going in God’s Name**

\* Closing Hymn #430

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

\* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST**

**A-V: GUS BEAULIEU & KEN OSBORNE**

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](http://www.HighlandPC.org)

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