



Sunday, August 25, 2024

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:1-15 (NIV)

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

Greeters: Tom Stewart, Connie & Bob Hoelscher, Denny Davish, Sonteary & Saron Keat

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Crispina Giliberti, Mike Eyster, Bill DeLong, John Wolfe

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Marge Carpenter, in memory of loved ones

Sylvia & Bill DeLong, in memory of Dorethea DeLong

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 (Psalm 104:31, 33-35b)

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever,

People: May we rejoice in God's works!

Leader: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live,

People: We will sing praise to our God while we have being.

Leader: May our meditations be pleasing to God,

People: For we rejoice in the Lord.

*Opening Hymn #460

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Proclaiming God's Word

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Almighty God, you sent us Jesus the Bread of Life, yet we hunger for so many things. We hunger for power and prestige. We yearn for success and status. So often we hunger for the wrong things. Forgive us, Lord, for elevating earthly appetites above our devotion to you. Help us to hunger for your Word. Feed us with the knowledge of Christ so that we can recognize our sin and repent in his name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. When we confess our sins before God, God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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.

Back To School Blessing

Evelyn Lisi

Hymn

“God, You Give Each Generation”

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-15

Conversation with Pastor Allison, Pastor Matt, and Sarah

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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. Matt Drumheller

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God’s Name

* Closing Hymn #369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

* 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 & JERRY ROTHACKER

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.

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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.