



**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**Mark 1:35-39 (NIV)**

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

**Greeters:** Pat & Dale Kershner, Lois Snyder, Linda Edwards, Coralie Werking & Stan Jacobs, Cindy Eidam

**Ushers:** Johnny Wood, Linda Keener, Kay Houghton, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Joan Alexander, Mike Eyster

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Bell Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. B. Kinyon

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

*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.*

Presentation by Nominating Committee

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We've come to this place to praise the Lord

**People: With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name.**

Leader: We will remember all the good things God has done for us.

**People: And we will lift our voices in praise!**

\*Opening Hymn

"Be Still My Soul"

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

*At this time, children 5th grade and under 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.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

**Almighty and Merciful God, you are slow to anger and abounding in love, but we have assimilated to a culture of busyness. We are hurried and over-extended. The fast pace of our lives leads to deteriorated relationships with each other. And most of all, our busyness often leaves you in the margins of our lives. Help us re-prioritize our lives to put you first. Give us clarity on the most important things so that we can put our time and energy into the goodness of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

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: The promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we will be returned to righteousness. Thanks be to God. 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.**

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:35-39

Message

**"The Unhurried Life"**

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**Responding to God's Word**

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Hostetter

Offertory

"Come Meet Jesus at the Well"

by K. Kaiser

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Hostetter

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of Thanksgiving, 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.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**Going in God's Name**

\* Closing Hymn #527

"Near to the Heart of God"

\* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Bell Postlude

"Because He Lives"

arr. C. Dobrinski

\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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

*JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST*

*DANIEL DROZ, BELL DIRECTOR*

**A-V TEAM: GUS BEAULIEU, MARK ANDERSON**

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.*