



Sunday, February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after Epiphany

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Isaiah 61:1-3 niv

He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Luke 4:21-30 niv

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

Greeters: Troop 99 , Cammie & Doug Camens, Kathy & Doug Hengst

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Rachel Reist, Phyllis Thompson , Kay Houghton, Lois Snyder

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Marjorie Herrmann

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

The Eyster Family in memory of Judy Eyster

Leigh & Kathleen Shuman, in memory of their grandparents

Gathering in God's Name

Posting of the Colors

Chimes

Bell Prelude

“My Shepherd will supply all my needs”

arr. Wagner

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.

Scouts Presentation

Scouts Blessing

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Come, let us enter into God's presence.

People: Lord, we are here waiting.

Leader: Let us hear your voice, O God.

People: Teach us your ways

Leader: So that we make walk in truth.

People: And glorify your name forever!

*Opening Hymn #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

God and Gracious God, you sent us Jesus to still the storm and seek the lost. You also sent us Jesus to convict us of our sin, to challenge our assumptions, and to encourage our repentance. Help us to open our hearts and our ears to Jesus' transforming words. May we not be closed off to the challenging words of Jesus but use them to make ourselves better disciples of the truth. Convict us of our sin and lead us in the ways of forgiveness and newness of life. 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. Robert Burns

Brothers and sisters, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We know this to be true, that the word of the Lord goes out from his mouth, does not return empty, but accomplishes all that he desires and achieves the purpose he sent it for, that is our redemption, our salvation, and our reconciliation. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Robert 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 Readings Isaiah 61:1-3
Luke 4:21-30

Message

“A Gospel Cliffhanger”

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Invitation To The Offering

Sarah Hostetter

Offertory Highland Bells

“Just as I am”

arr. Eithun

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Hostetter

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of Thanksgiving, 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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Distribution of Elements

*It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread as it is passed 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.*

Closing Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #426 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Retirement of the Colors

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

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