

# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 7, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## Gathering Song

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Words: German, ca. 1800  
Tr. by Edward Caswall, 185  
Chorus/bridge by Joseph Wheat  
and Mike Murphy  
Music by Drew Coker, Mike Murphy,  
and Joseph Wheat, 2019

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Exalt the name always.  
He is our future and ancient of days.  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss,  
The loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
The pow'rs of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Be this th'eternal song,  
Through all the ages on:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Praise him and lift him up!  
Praise him and lift him up!  
Exalt the name of Jesus always!

# Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

### The Joy of The Lord

Words and music: Twila Paris, 1991

The joy of the Lord will be my strength,  
I will not falter, I will not faint.  
He is my Shepherd; I am not afraid.  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength.  
He will uphold me all of my days.  
I am surrounded by mercy and grace,  
And the joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength,  
And I will not waver, walking by faith.  
He will be strong to deliver me safe,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth.  
I am God, and there is no other.  
By myself I have sworn,  
my mouth has uttered in all integrity  
a word that will not be revoked:  
'Before me every knee will bow;  
every tongue will swear allegiance.'  
They will say of me, 'In the Lord alone  
are deliverance and strength.'

**People: In the Lord - all the offspring of Israel shall be justified,  
and shall glory in Him.**

from Isaiah 45:22-25 NIV84

Pastor: Worship God, our Savior!

# Come, Ye Sinners



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come;
3. Come, ye wear - y, heav - y lad - en,
4. Lo! th'in - car - nate God, a - scend - ed,



weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;  
God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy;  
bruised and bro - ken by the fall;  
pleads the mer - it of his blood;



Je - sus, rea - dy, stands to save you,  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with pow'r:  
ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh,  
you will nev - er come at all:  
let no oth - er trust in - trude:



he is a - ble, he is a - ble,  
with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey,  
not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous—  
none but Je - sus, none but Je - sus



he is will - ing; doubt no more.  
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.  
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
can do help - less sin - ners good.

# Morning Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Offering boxes are available at the Welcome Desk, on either side of the main sanctuary entrance, and outside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on the back page.*

### **Offertory:** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,

Music: William Howard Doane, 1870

Hear my humble cry;

While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.

While on others thou art calling,

Do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy

Find a sweet relief,

Kneeling there in deep contrition;

Help my unbelief.

Trusting only in thy merit,

Would I seek thy face;

Heal my wounded, broken spirit,

Save me by Thy grace.

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,

More than life to me,

Whom have I on earth beside thee?

Whom in Heav'n but thee?

# The Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB

1. "The Unlikely Believer"

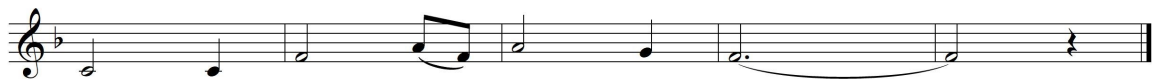
### Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
3. Though man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am  
fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap -  
read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus  
as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's



found, was blind, but now I see.  
pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
far, and grace will lead me home.  
praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: St. 1-3 by John Newton, 1779; St. 4, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790. Traditional American Tune.

## The Benediction

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## FAITH PROMISE 2021

# RELENTLESS

Faith Promise for world missions is a specific amount of money or goods that you are willing to promise to give – in faith that God will provide it. It is an amount over and above the tithe. At the time you make a Faith Promise, the source of this provision may be unknown to you. This is a commitment to give by faith, based on God’s promises, expecting Him to enable you to give it.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in world missions through Faith Promise this year.

### **FAITH PROMISE GOALS FOR 2021**

*Increase the number of participants to 150.*

#### **MAINTAIN - \$140,650**

- Support our current missionaries
- Add another missionary

#### **STRETCH – \$153,650**

- Add funding for short-term trips
- Add another missionary

#### **HALLELUJAH! - \$166,650**

- Add special projects funding
- Add another missionary
- More funding for short-term trips

To make a faith promise online, please visit [missions.highlandspca.org](https://missions.highlandspca.org).

## **Midweek@Highlands continues this Wednesday, March 10!**

We offer a nursery and programs for adults, children and youth. The nursery opens at 5:30 pm; please make sure your child has been fed before you bring him to the nursery. A boxed dinner will be served in the Atrium beginning at 5:15 p.m.; classes will be held from 6 until 7 p.m. This week's meal includes chopped steak, smash potatoes, and salad. A grilled chicken salad is also available. A kids' meal includes a hamburger, pasta, and green beans. ***You will need to reserve and pay for your meal in advance at [highlandspca.org/midweek](http://highlandspca.org/midweek).***

Adult studies include:

### **"God in the Whirlwind: Timely Wisdom from the Book of Job"**

led by Brad Mercer (Fellowship Hall)

### ***Don't Follow Your Heart: God's Ways Are Not Your Ways***

by Jon Bloom

led Hal and Barb Martin (Room 210)

### ***A Praying Life***

by Paul Miller

led by Robyn Farber and Sissy Jackson (Room 301)

### ***The Fruitful Wife***

by Hayley DiMarco

led by Leigh Taylor and Olivia Strain (Room 212)

***Audio and video sermon archives are available at [highlandspca.org/media](http://highlandspca.org/media).***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday, March 14.**

Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive this means of grace.

**No officers' meetings in March:** Regularly scheduled meetings will resume in April.

**Has your phone number, home/ mailing address, or email address changed?** Please call Beth Morton in the Church office at 601-853-0636 or send an email to *receptionist@highlandspca.org* so that we may update our database.

**Please help us greet on Sundays!** A warm, friendly welcome is a gift to members and guests alike. Greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 and 8:40 at the early service or between 10:35 and 11:00 for the late service. Please sign up to serve, either as a couple or as an individual, at [highlandspca.org/greeters](http://highlandspca.org/greeters).

**Save the Date!**

- June 7-11, 2021 : Vacation Bible School

### Women's Bible Studies - Spring 2021

#### Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. in Room 212 – Mom-to-Mom – *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp  
led by Laurie Nordan

10:00 a.m. in Room 210 – *The Holiness of God* by R. C. Sproul  
led by Becky Brown

6:15 p.m. in Room 301– *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller  
led by Robyn Farber and Sissy Jackson

6:15 p.m. in Room 212 — *The Fruitful Wife* by Hayley DiMarco  
led by Leigh Taylor and Olivia Strain

#### Thursdays

9:00 a.m. in Room 210 – *Precepts* study on the Gospel of John, part 3  
led by Sandra Dewey

#### Fridays

7:00 a.m. in Room 210 – *Joshua - No Falling Words* by Ralph Davis  
led by Cindy Mercer

Contact Laurie Nordan for more information at 601-853-0636  
or via email at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org).

## THE SESSION

Jim Brown	Shannon Carroll	Craig Crosland
Carroll Dew*	Richard Dixon	Hap Farber
Scott Jones	Chuck McBride	Bill McDonald
Mac McGehee	Kent Meadows	Billy Mounger
Clay Parker	Jim Pettis	Clark Robinson
Kevin Russell	Monty Simpkins	Trey Toler
Will Watson	Max Yates	
*Emeritus		

## THE DIACONATE

Randy Assink	Jay Austin	Matthew Bailey
Nathan Beavers	Barr Biggs	Trent Butler
Todd Clark	Bryan Clay	Trey Copeland
Ben Edwards	Jerry Eichelberger	Craig Eversole
Ryan Farmer	Thomas Gandy	Mike Green
David Harbaugh	Michael Hawkins	Gary Heine
Chip Johnson	Bo Miller	Andy Sensing
Chandler Strain	John Travis	Steve Weeks

## Youth Ministry

### All Youth

*All weekly events are outdoors or indoors with masks and social distancing.*

#### **Small Groups:** TONIGHT, 5:00-7:00pm

- Dinner is served on the deck of The U.

#### **Youth Group:** Wednesday, 5:45-7:15

- Dinner is served in the atrium

### SrHi

- Tonight, 4:30pm: Combined RYM and Yakama info meeting
- Wednesday, 7:00pm: Combined RYM and Yakama info meeting (you only need to come to one)
- July 2-5: RYM Florida
- July 17-24: Yakama Mission Trip

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## HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. You may place your offering in one of the four wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, and at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can also be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org). There is a QR code on the back cover of the bulletin that links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget 2021	\$2,134,000
General Fund Budget Jan. thru Mar. 2021	\$414,520
General Fund Giving received through 2/28/21	\$310,001

Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands! Please contact the church office if you would like to find out more about online giving.

# SERMON NOTES

JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB

1. “The Unlikely Believer”

March 7, 2021

Luke 19:1-10

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