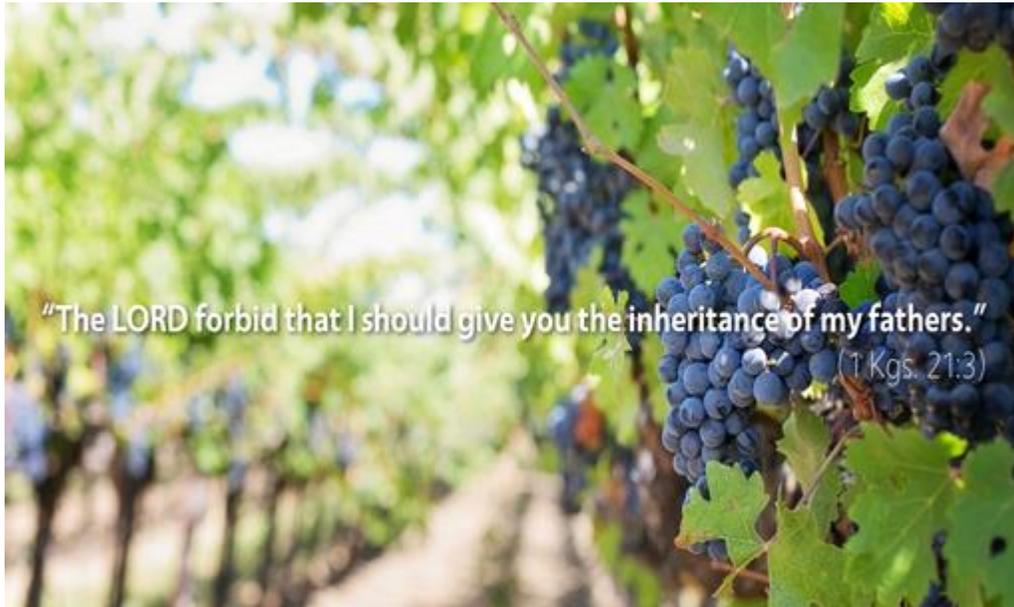


*Highlawn
Presbyterian Church*

AUGUST 7, 2022
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**Those who wish may stand*

** Words in **Bold** are Congregational Responses*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude : "My Lord, What a Morning"

Mitzi Cyrus, piano Arranged by J Bert Carlson

***Call to Worship**

We meet together in the presence of a God whose love is freedom, whose touch is healing, whose voice is calm. We meet not in our own strength but in the knowledge that God's Spirit abides within us, in our worship today and in our daily lives when we depart from this place. The blessing we receive is shared, in the hope that others might be drawn to the God we serve. Let us worship God together in Spirit and in Truth.

***Hymn #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Call to Confession

We come to this time – each and every one of us – as broken people in need of God's forgiveness and healing. According to 1st John, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us then join together in our prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Light, we are hesitant to admit that despite our hearing and heeding your call there is still darkness within us. Each of us hides things about ourselves from others; we regret actions taken or

avoided; we ignore or fail to notice the needs of others; we miss seeing your image in ourselves and in each other. Forgive us, please, O God! Lead us out of the darkness toward your reconciling light; teach us new ways to experience and to share your love, that we might more fully live as those who are called to follow and serve you. (time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

Declaration of Forgiveness

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God. The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Time for Children and The Young-at-Heart

Sarah Specht—Director of Christian Education

Anthem

Scripture: I Kings 21:1-27

Sermon: “The Vineyard” Rev. Mr. Richard Mobayed

***Offering**

Presenting God our tithes and offerings

***Doxology #606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanks for the offering by God’s people

Sharing Concerns and Joys

Please wait for one of the ushers to hand you a microphone so that all may be able to hear your prayer request. If you are joining by Zoom or Facebook— please send your prayer requests to the office at:

office@highlawnpc.org

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of goodness and mercy, you pursue us without rest. You called to us in the Garden after we chose knowledge rather than you. You brought us through the wilderness when we complained and preferred captivity. You led us with leaders like Deborah and Samuel even though we failed to trust in you. For your faithful and sovereign love, we give you thanks.

Jesus, you stood in solidarity with us in your humanity. You chose to come to us so that we could be reconciled to you. You trusted us with your human frailty in the form of an infant. You chose death so that we could understand life. For your compassion and grace Lord, we give you thanks.

Holy Spirit, you continue to form us into disciples and Christ's Body, the Church. When we build barriers between one another, you work to tear them down. Through your truth, you remind us that regardless of political party or country, we belong to a Kingdom. You reassure us in our fear and teach us to trust in you despite the uncertainties of this world. For your truth and communion Lord , we give you thanks.

Holy Spirit, we come to this Table looking for the communion with Christ that sustains us and the communion with one another that seems so easily to escape us. We ask that you would once again heal us by making

the loaf and cup we share be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. As we eat and drink together, may Christ's communion be our communion so that we may share it with the world. To you Lord, be the glory, forever and ever.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of Communion is the ultimate act of reconciliation with God. What does God's act of reconciliation through Christ look like? It looks like our sharing in the broken body and the spilled blood of Jesus. In our sharing, we proclaim that we stand on level ground with one another with Christ as our head. Despite our differences, this table declares our reconciliation in Jesus Christ and reminds us of our communion with one another. It is here that we affirm that we all belong to Christ. We once again turn to the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians (10:16-17): "Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is the one loaf of which we all partake. When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?"

The Lord's Table is prepared for all those who desire to be fed by Jesus. Come and be nourished so that you may share in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.

As a sign of our fellowship and communion with Christ and one another, we now join our voices to pray, using the words most familiar to each one of us:

**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.**

**We affirm that every member of the church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.**

**Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died,
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

***Hymn #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

***Benediction**

**WEEK AT
A GLANCE**

Today—Ed. Comm.
Mon—Worship Comm.
Tues—Cong. Care Comm.
Thurs— Session Mtg

For the Month of
August
We are collecting
School Supplies

Liturgists
August Anne M.



In appreciation, donuts
have been provided by:
8.7 Meyers/Lamp
8.14 Browning/Hatfield
8.21 Musgrave
8.28 Lapelle

Mark your calendars!

Beginning Wednesday, September 7th
Details will be coming soon!



Sunday, Sept. 11th
Sunday School 10:00
Picnic following church service
Youth Group 2:00



From the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Severe flooding has impacted Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia in late July. PDA is in communication with Presbyterian leadership in the affected presbyteries to offer resources, process grants and deploy National Response Team members when it is safe to do so.
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