

JULY 31, 2022

*8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

# *Highlawn*

*Presbyterian Church*

## *“Traveling Light”*



*\*Those who wish may stand*

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*Mitzi Cyrus, pianist      arranged by Sara Glick*

**\*Call to Worship**

Come into this sacred space to worship God

**whose teaching is perfect;**

**whose directions are sure.**

Come into this holy place to worship God

**whose standards are right;**

**whose commandment is clear;**

**whose judgements are true.**

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

he is our guide and friend,

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again;

Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore,

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

### **Call to Confession**

When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. With humble hearts, let us confess our sin to God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**We recognize that it is easy to say “forgive and forget”, yet truly forgiving those who have hurt us is a challenge.**

**We know that you have told us to forgive as we have been forgiven,**

**yet we hold on to unforgiveness as if it were a weight we are afraid to let go of.**

**We confess that we have held on to unforgiveness of others while we enjoy the forgiveness you so freely give.**

**Help us to forgive those that have hurt us and to turn to you for our healing.** (time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**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 "Our Father"** West Indian Folk Tune

Jack Blackman, bass guitar arr. Benjamin Harlan

**Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17**

**Sermon: Series:** *"Traveling Light"*

**Title:** "Dropping the Weight" **Rev. Sharon Bell**

**\*Hymn #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

**\*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

## **Pastoral 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.**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who created the world and all that is in it.**

**I believe God regards all people as God's children,  
whether they confess God's parenthood or not.**

**I believe God intends the riches of the world, including  
all food and other necessities of life, to be shared  
among God's children, the gifted caring for the less  
gifted and the privileged for the underprivileged.**

**I believe that in proportion as we acknowledge and  
fulfill this intention, we are conformed to the image of**

**our Lord Jesus Christ, who died to set us free from sin and the love of self.**

**And I believe that the best time to begin this sharing, whether of goods or clothing or gospel, is now, today, when it is fresh on our minds and the needs of God's children are as great as they have ever been in the history of the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #697 "Take My Life" vs. 1, 3 & 5**

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

## \*Benediction

### Liturgists

7.31 Avery M.  
August Anne M.



In appreciation, donuts have been provided by:

7.31 Aulick  
8.7 Meyers/Lamp  
8.14  
Browning/Hatfield  
8.21 Musgrave  
8.28 Lapelle



*To Mitzi Cyrus  
for the beautiful  
piano music today!*

There is NO Youth Group, Sunday School or Bible Study again until fall.

For the Month of **July**

We are collecting  
**School Supplies for  
our Christmas  
Missions**

The Education Committee  
will meet  
Sunday, August 7th  
after Worship.  
See Sarah for more  
information.

## *Senior Adult Luncheons*

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

\$ 10.00 per person.      12:00—1:30 P.M.

New Baptist Church

610 28th St, Huntington, WV 25702

There will be a catered meal and a program.

Reservations must be made by noon on Thursday, August 4

**Please see the signup sheet in the hallway or call the office to make a reservation!**

The August luncheon is being catered by Holy Smoke BBQ. The lunch also includes drinks and a dessert. The program is titled "The Spoken Word and The Written Word". It is a conversation between Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

We will have a Senior Adult Luncheon beginning at noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

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