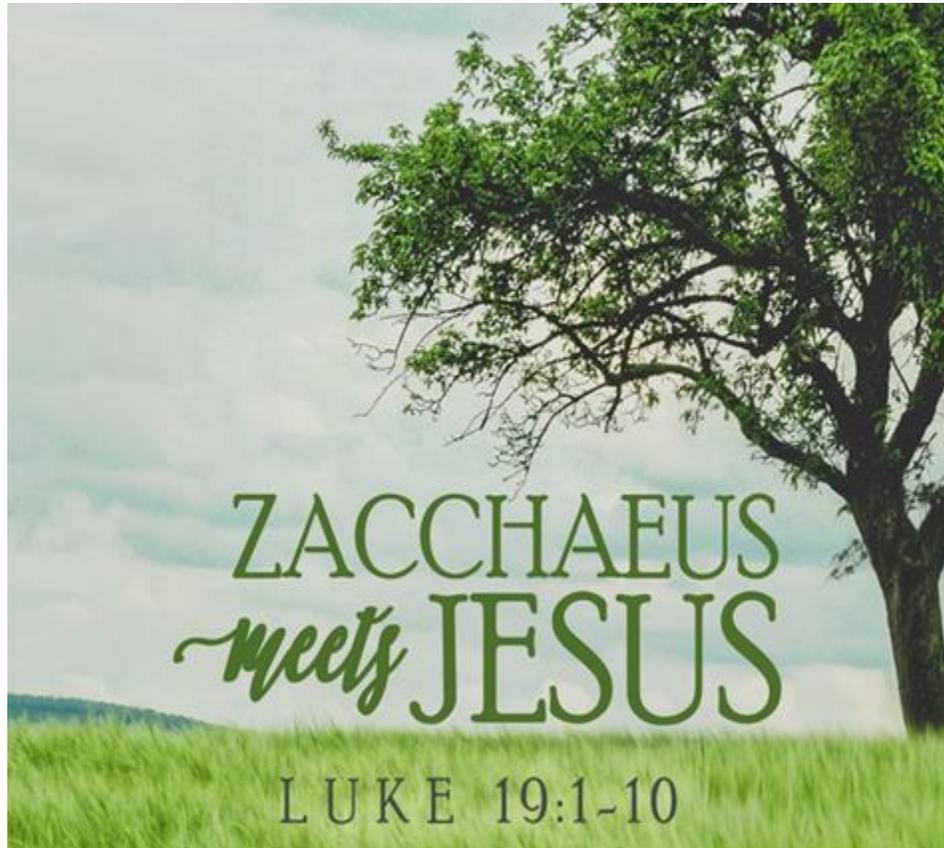


OCTOBER 30, 2022  
*21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

# *Highlawn*

*Presbyterian Church*



*\* Those who wish may stand    \* Words in **Bold** are Congregational Responses*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude    “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”**

Traditional Spiritual

*Alanna Cushing pianist*      arranged by Mark Hayes

## **\*Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

**Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!**

Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

**Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.**

*Let us worship God with joy and gratitude!*

## **\*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place" Gather Us In**

1. Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
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## **Call to Confession**

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God just waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Come; join me as we pray to the One who waits to hear from us!

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives.**

**Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world.**

**Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention.**

**We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us!**

**As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint:

We are all God's children,

and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

Broken, we are mended;

separated from others, we are made one;

longing to serve, we are sent forth.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

## **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 "Psalm 117"** Dale Peterson

(From All That Dwell)

**Scripture: Luke 19: 1—10**

**Sermon: "More than a *Wee Little Man*"**

**Rev. Sharon Bell**

**\*Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" vs 1, 2 & 5**

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**\*Offering**

**Presenting God our tithes and offerings**

**\*Doxology Hymn #609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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](mailto: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**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
vs 1, 3 & 5 The Summons**

1. Will You Come And Follow Me  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Go Where You Don't Know  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,  
Will You Let My Name Be Known,  
Will You Let My Life Be Grown  
In You And You In Me?

3. Will You Let The Blinded See  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Set The Prisoners Free  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,  
And Do Such As This Unseen,  
And Admit To What I Mean  
In You And You In Me?

5. Lord, Your Summons Echoes True  
When You But Call My Name.  
Let Me Turn And Follow You  
And Never Be The Same.  
In Your Company I'll Go  
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.  
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow  
In You And You In Me.

## \*Benediction

### *Liturgists*

October Shelia Brownfield

November Amy Browning-Hatfield

Volunteers are needed to provide donuts or refreshments after the Worship Service for the following dates:

Oct 30 Nan

Nov 6 Caltrider

Nov 13 Lowe

Nov 20 Curtis

Nov 27

### Sunday School at 10 am

Rev. Sharon Bell—Adults

Sarah Specht—Middle & HS

Anna Laura Dorey—gr 3rd– 5<sup>th</sup>

Nan Price— pre-school to 2nd

### Undie Sunday! November 13th

Harmony House is needing underwear for both women and men (all sizes). Men prefer boxers.

Questions:  
contact Linda Hansen  
304-421-0860



### **"Celebrating Sabbath" Key quote.....**

*God does not ask us to be irresponsible. But God does invite us to take a hard look at our schedules and our responsibilities on the Sabbath. Remember it and keep it holy.*

*And.....Remember to stop and smell the roses along life's path.*



We would love to have you as a member of our Church Family!

If you are interested in joining HPC, please contact Pastor Sharon for more information.

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