

*Highlawn*  
*Presbyterian Church*

MAY 15, 2022  
*FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*



ACTS 11:1-18

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude : “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”** *Traditional Spiritual*  
*Alanna Cushing, piano    arranged by Calvin Taylor*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

## **\*Hymn #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

*Refrain:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, *Refrain*

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight, *Refrain*

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

5. For thyself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. *Refrain*

### **Call to Confession**

Let us come together in humility as we confess our sin before our God. We confess in boldness, assured that because of the mercy of Christ, we will be forgiven.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,  
we confess that we sometimes close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people's worries,**

**against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,  
we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,  
our shuttered churches,  
the security systems on our hearts.**

**Open up our lives,  
and let your Spirit blow through.**

(time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: when we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Believe the good news: 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: "O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"**

Lloyd Larson

**Scripture: Acts 11:1-18**

**Sermon: "It All Comes Out in the Wash"**

**Rev. Sharon Bell**

**\*Hymn #315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"**

**vs 1, 3 & 5**

1. In the midst of new dimensions,  
in the face of changing ways.

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
wandering in their separate ways?

***Refrain:***

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and ever more.

3. As we stand a world divided  
by our own self seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village  
might envision wider dreams. *Refrain*

5. Should the threats of dire predictions  
cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit,  
resurrect the church again. *Refrain*

### **\*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. Amen.**

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

**We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken  
pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,**

**Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection of the created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits  
together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the  
one in three,**

**We believe in God.**

**\*Hymn #749 "Come! Live in the Light!"**

1. Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

***Refrain:***

We are called to act with justice;  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

2. Come, open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So all hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing, sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we'll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

**\*Benediction**



*Presbyterian Women  
Birthday Luncheon*

*Sunday, May 22nd—following Worship*

*Everyone is invited!*

*Donations will be accepted to support the ministry of the  
Presbyterian Women.*

Sun: Youth Mtg 3:00—5:00

Wed: NO Bible Study—Sharon will be  
gone this week for Cont. Ed.

**WEEK AT  
A GLANCE**

We are once again collecting snacks for Hospice House for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Please bring individually wrapped snacks such as Little Debbie Cakes, crackers, chips, etc. Contact Ann S. for any questions.

 Hospice of  
Huntington