

Highlawn
Presbyterian Church

JULY 24, 2022
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Traveling Light”



**Those who wish may stand*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude : “Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

Traditional Spiritual

Alanna Cushing, piano

Arranged by Tom Fettke

***Call to Worship**

Holy One,

As we gather this morning to worship you,

May we speak truth,

So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we pray in faith,

So that our prayers may give grace to those who hear.

May we sing with joy,

So that our songs may give grace to those who hear.

May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.

Amen.

***Hymn #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,

Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee!

3. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession

Confident that God hears, forgives, and restores us, let us
confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

O God,

we live our lives the best we can—

**dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day with as much energy,
goodwill, and optimism as we can muster.**

**But we seldom have the right answers, and we seldom
seek your higher wisdom in our lives.**

And we just move ahead.

Forgive us for not asking for your insight.

Fill us with your wisdom,

that we may live lives of goodness and peace.

(time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

Declaration of Forgiveness

When we come before God in humility and honesty,
God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed
blessing.

Thanks be to God!

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 "Let Us Serve Him" Don Besig

Scripture: James 3:13-18; Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: Series: *"Traveling Light"*

Title: "Comparison" Rev. Sharon Bell

***Hymn # 286 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

***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 Almighty, who sets life before us as a course to be run and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment and has revealed in his resurrection the reward to those who finish the course.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run long distances, the wisdom to pace ourselves and the love to respect all other runners.

I believe in the Church Universal, that gives us a sense of fellowship as we run, and the feeling that if anything happens on the course, we shall be supported by those who care.

I believe in the Life Everlasting, where the course we have run in this life gives way to a course finer than any we have ever known, and where our spirit shall run with a grace and beauty we have not yet experienced. Amen.

***Hymn #757 “Today We are All Called to Be Disciples”**

1. Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

*Benediction

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REMINDER
If you have something you
would like included in the
August issue of the
Highterian, please send to the
office by
Monday, July 25th

Liturgists
7.24 Nan P.
7.31 Avery M.
August Anne M.



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

For the Month of **July**
We are collecting
**School Supplies for
our Christmas
Missions**