

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Highlawn

Presbyterian Church



“The Company You Keep”

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Martin Luther arranged by Mark Hayes

Alanna Cushing, pianist

***Call to Worship** *based on Psalms 42 and 43*

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so we long for you, O God.

We thirst for you, the living God.

When can we come and stand in your presence?

Through each day,
the Lord pours his unfailing love upon us,

**Through each night we sing his songs,
praying to the God who gives us life.**

Send out your light and your truth, O God.

Let them guide us to Your holy mountain,
to the place where you live.

**Then we will go to the altar of God,
to God—the source of all our joy.**

***Hymn #778 "As Pants the Deer for Living
Streams"** *based on Psalms 42 and 43*

1. As pants the deer for streams of living water,
in dry or desert space,
I thirst for you, O living God; I long to see your face!
O how I miss the happy days
when with the throng I'd praise!
Take courage now, my trembling heart,
for God will take your part!

2. Tears are my bread both night and day;
fools crush me, soul and bone.
They laugh and ask, "Where is your God?"
I hope in you alone.
Why cast me off? Where have you gone?
Why is your grace withdrawn?
Take courage now, my trembling heart,
for God will take your part!

3. Deep calls to deep, the billows roar;
they cover me with pain.
I cry for healing and for home;
God, show your love again!
Without your people, who am I? Without you I will die.
Take courage now, my trembling heart,
for God will take your part!

4. O send your light to guide me home;
my Savior, guide me still.
With shouting pilgrims I will come
to climb your holy hill.
Then with the harp I'll sing your praise;
my happy voice I'll raise.
Take courage now, my trembling heart,

for God will take your part!

Call to Confession

The Bible reminds us that each of us falls short of who God has created us to be. The Bible also reminds us that God forgives us time and time again and restores us because of his great love for us.

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we are not the persons we would like others to think we are. We are not even the persons we would like to think of ourselves as being. Only in the security of your love are we able to admit our secret fears and desires. Hear them now, O God, and forgive us for our duplicity. Give us new life from above and reshape us in the image of Christ, who is the One we would really like to resemble.

(time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin).

Declaration of Forgiveness

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ 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 "Good News Celebration!" Dale Wood

Scripture 2 Sam.11:27b – 12:15

Sermon: Series: "The Company You Keep"

"David and Nathan"

Rev. Sharon Bell

***Hymn #417 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"**

1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife,
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point Thou the heav'nly way.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when this life is past,
I may eternal brightness see,
and share Thy joy at last.

***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**

**I believe in the God of autumn, who spreads the
mantle of divine glory across the hills like a cloak of
many colors;**

**I believe in the God of winter, who whispers in the
wind and make me thankful for the warmth of my
hearth and blanket;**

I believe in the God of spring, who dazzles the eye with the blankets of blossoms and speaks to my heart through gentle rains;

I believe in the God of summer, who meets me in the morning mists and waits for me in the cool of the evening;

I believe in the God of all seasons, who is a God for all seasons, and who calls me forth to be a person for all seasons, ready to sacrifice for truth and to love the world as God loves it. God has revealed the divine nature in Jesus Christ and continues to reveal that nature in the world, in history, and in the inner life. God's name is to be praised forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #663 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"**

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
your daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay your morning sacrifice.

2. Lord, I my vows to you renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will;
and with yourself my spirit fill.

3. Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design or do or say,
that all my powers, with all their might,
in your sole glory may unite.

***Benediction**

Liturgists

September Alice Browning

October Howard Aulick

**A PW "Celebrating Sabbath" quote
to remember....**

"HAVE A GOOD WEEK"

**When we say that to one another
as we leave church on Sunday it's
a way of praying that the Sabbath's
peace and blessing will extend
over the week ahead!**



Women's Groups currently meet the 2nd Thursday
of each month at 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday School



All Life Stages Growing Together

Sundays at 10 am

Rev. Sharon Bell—Adults

Sarah Specht—Middle & Highschool

Anna Laura Dorey—grades 3rd– 5th

Nan Price— pre-school to 2nd gr.



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

Sept 18 Schurman

Sept 25 **Girl Scouts**

Bake Sale!

Oct 2 Woolcock (Specht)

Oct 9 Aulick

Oct 16 Reynolds

Oct 23 Baldwin

Oct 30 Nan

Nov 6

Nov 13 Lowe

Nov 20

Nov 27



Worship

For the Month of September

We are collecting change for the shipping of OCC Shoeboxes.

September Work Days

Thursday September 15

Wednesday September 21

Come when you can -Leave when you need to.