

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion offers the chance for an encounter with God; therefore, all persons, including children, are invited to participate and receive the sacrament. When you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand, and you are invited to dip it into the cup and eat.

If you would prefer an allergen-free wafer for communion rather than bread, please let one of the servers know.

---- **SENDING FORTH** ----

*CLOSING HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" #397

*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

Following the dismissal, the congregation is asked to remain standing for the chimes before departing the sanctuary.

*CHORAL BENECTION "Ascription of Praise" Schwoebel

*POSTLUDE Toccata on "Boylston" Young

Melanie Wyatt gives the flowers today to the glory of God and in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Attendance September 24, 2017

8:30am: 48 10:30am: 126 11:00am: 111 **Total:285**

STREAMING MINISTRY: Kennan Mottershead, Sheridan Page

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Aaron Brothers 11:00 : Youth Ministry

AUDIO: Byron Baird

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Elizabeth Turner 11:00: Jane Gray

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30: Karen Seymour 11:00: Jim and Cathy Stuart

ACOLYTE: Aidan Cronin-Hudgins

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Highland United Methodist Church

October 1, 2017 - 17th Sunday in Pentecost

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

9:20 AM Sunday School

inviting family of faith seeking to love, serve, and share. Christ in our community and the world.

---- **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE** ----

We welcome our guests today. You honor us with your presence. Please sign the fellowship pad on each pew and turn all electronic devices to silent mode. Children are always welcome in our worship services. Nursery care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is also available downstairs in Room 107.

**If you are able, please stand for this part of the service.*

PRELUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Highland Winds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O, Be Joyful" Yarrington

*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Highland Winds

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Charlie Baber

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Mighty God,

we do not yet see the glory you plan for all of humanity, but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died.

We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.

----- **PROCLAMATION** -----
PSALTER LESSON Psalm 121 #844, Response 1

MUSIC MINISTRY “To Love Our God” Hayes
 Highland Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON James 4:1-12 Common English Bible

SONG OF RESPONSE “Thy Word is a Lamp” #601
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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SERMON Unfollow: Toxic Friendship Rev. Alan Swartz

----- **RESPONSE** -----

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” #340

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Please offer silent confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen

*THE PEACE

*Following ancient Christian practice, we greet one another, offering reminders of Christ’s peace. Please greet those around you saying, “**The peace of Christ be with you,**” and responding, “**And also with you.**”*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Elevation” Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.