

SERMON Unfollow: Exploitation Rev. Charlie Baber

\*CLOSING HYMN "The Gift of Love" #408

\*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

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

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Three-fold Amen" Danish

\*POSTLUDE

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Bradley by Ann Lowe Bradley Vodicka, Jason, Mary, Jeanne and Ann.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of Blanche Miller who died on October 1.*

*Thank you to Diane Penny for being our organist today.*

*We welcome Harriet Roland today as a member of the Highland family.*

Attendance October 1, 2017

8:30am: 55 10:30am: 115 11:00am: 118 **Total: 288**

STREAMING MINISTRY: Gabriel Adamson, Sheridan Page

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Teresa Keith 11:00: Eddie Wood

AUDIO: Ken Schuster

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Rebecca Turner 11:00: Paul Yeager

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30: Earleen Barnes

ACOLYTE: Nicole Madden

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## Highland United Methodist Church

October 8, 2017 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

8:30 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:20 AM Sunday School

We are an 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 "Grosser Gott" arr. James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O, Be Joyful" Yarrington

\*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Janet Baucom

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Gracious and Compassionate God,**

**We offer ourselves to you again,**

**in worship and obedience,**

**in lives committed to the purposes and practices**

**of your reign –**

**to the building of your kingdom;**

**For in this way, we know,**

**we are blessed,**

**and we are called to be a blessing to others,**

**In the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.**

	---- PROCLAMATION ----	
PSALTER LESSON	Psalm 15	#747
MUSIC MINISTRY	“Lamb of God” Highland Choir	Christiansen
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		
*THE PEACE		
<i>Following ancient Christian practice, we greet one another, offering reminders of Christ’s peace. Please greet those around you saying, “<b>The peace of Christ be with you,</b>” and responding, “<b>And also with you.</b>”</i>		
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER		#38
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“Rock of Ages”	arr. Young
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” <b>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!</b>	#94
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	A Modern Affirmation	#885
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare: <b>We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.</b>		

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*Prayers will be offered ending “we pray to you, Lord,” and all reply “**Lord, hear our 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 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.**

HYMN OF PREPARTION      “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”      #283

EPISTLE LESSON      James 4:17 - 5:8      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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