

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      “How Can I Keep From Singing?”      Lowery  
\*POSTLUDE      “Crucifer”      Leavitt

*Sympathy to Murray Downs and family upon the death of Virginia Downs, loving wife, mother, and grandmother on February 28.*

*Janet and Chuck Stuber give the altar flowers today to the glory of God and in honor of Marilyn and Charles Stuber.*

**Attendance: March 4, 2018**

8:30am: 86 10:30am: 117 11:00am: 127      **Total: 330**

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Ryan Keith; 11:00: Eddie Wood

AUDIO: 8:30: Hal Barnes; 11:00: Byron Baird

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Rebecca Turner; 11:00: Ola Mae and Charles Cimerro

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30: Norm Childs

STREAMING: 10:30: Gabriel Adamson; 11:00: Edward Shutt

ACOLYTE: Lawson Cope

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## Highland United Methodist Church

March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

*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. On Facebook? Check in at Highland this morning. 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      “Just As I Am”      Rutz

ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Sarah Fletcher

INTROIT      “I Am the Vine”

\*OPENING HYMN      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”      #526

### OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Lord God,  
you so tend the vine you planted  
that now it extends its branches throughout the world.  
Keep us in Christ as branches on the vine  
that grafted firmly in your love  
we may show the whole world your great power  
and bear the fruit of righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalms 80

#801, response 1

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" arr.. Luboff  
Highland Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*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."*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version #882

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*GLORIA PATRI #71

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 5: 1-7 Common English Bible

GOSPEL LESSON John 15: 1-15 Common English Bible  
*In this season of reflection, we will remain seated for the Gospel lesson.*

SONG OF RESPONSE "His Name is Wonderful" #174

**He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;  
bow down before him, love and adore him,  
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

SERMON The Vine Rev. Charlie Baber

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #479

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT UMCOR Sunday

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Callahan

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95  
**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

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.**

\*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.*