

*Malinda, Les, and Catie Stallings give the altar flowers today to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Hazel and Bryce Younts.*

*Sympathy to Lynn Rouse, Bill Austin, and Frank Austin upon the death of their mother  
Lucia Austin, a Highland UMC charter member, on August 28.*

*Sympathy to Amanda Nunn and family upon the death of her father Tom Tally  
on September 2.*

*Sympathy to Chris Martin and family upon the death of his mother Erma Martin  
on September 4.*

Attendance: September 1, 2019

8:30: 67; 10:30: 45; 11:00: 96 **Total: 208**

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Phoebe Ellison; 11:00: Emma Dilley

AUDIO: 8:30: Duane Reaugh; 11:00: Duane Reaugh

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30: Debbie Sykes

PRAYER ROOM: 11:00: Kevin Flowers

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## Highland United Methodist Church September 8, 2019 —13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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

10:30 Contemporary Worship

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 your 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
Ann Pearce, flute & Marcia Nance, piano

Willis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

INTROIT

“Psalm 100”

Yates

\*OPENING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

#77

\*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern  
the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with  
courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you  
have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Always By Our Side”  
Highland Choir and Ann Pearce, flute

arr. McDonald

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

#883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. 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.**

#71

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you,

**And also with you.**

PSALTER

Psalm 139:1-18

#854

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

CEB

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

CEB

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

#338

**Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.**

SERMON

Sent to Invest in Others

Rev. Amanda Bunce

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"More Love to Thee"

#453

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"This Is My Father's World"

Rice

\*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!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Janet Baucom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895

**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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#382

\*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "Shalom to You"

#666

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.**

**May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,**

**Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

\*POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Hatton