May 15, 2022                  10:00 a.m.

* Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE
Someone’s Laughin’ Lord  
Someone’s Dreamin’, Lord  
Someone’s Shoutin’, Lord  
- arr. Joel Raney

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM  - Acts 2:38-39, NRSV
Peter said to them,  
“Repent, and be baptized  
every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ  
so that your sins may be forgiven;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is for you, for your children,  
and for all who are far away,  
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

CALL TO WORSHIP
We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ,  
but because he has sought us and called us to be his own.  
O God, you have searched me and known me,  
you read my every thought from afar,  
there is not a word on my tongue  
that you do not know altogether.  
The joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

* OPENING HYMN  - #466
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Everlasting God,  
we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives.  
Focused on our phones, we do not pay attention to the needs of all your creation.  
Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate,  
we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace.  
Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories,  
we cannot understand your truth which changes our lives.

Forgive us in your mercy.  
Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you;  
fill us with your strength so we may serve your people;  
grant us your Word so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE
* 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.

SCRIPTURE  
Psalm 145:1-9  
OT page 548

SPECIAL MUSIC  
Majestic Alleluia  
- arr. Joel Raney  
Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE  
Isaiah 40:15-26  
OT page 628

* DOXOLOGY
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.

SERMON  
The Reverend James Webb
None Greater:  
Created to be Related, but How?

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER  
HYMN  - words will be on the screen  
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
- From A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, 
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, 
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, 
Jesus was crucified, 
suffering the depths of human pain 
and giving his life for the sins of the world. 
God raised this Jesus from the dead, 
vindicating his sinless life, 
breaking the power of sin and evil, 
delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah - arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 46:8-13

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HYMN - #339

Be Thou My Vision

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven - arr. Lani Smith

Participants in today's service are:

Pat Horner
David McA rthur
Susan Chapman
Donna Fullerton

Liturgist
Director of Music
Handbell Director, Piano
Organ

The flowers today are placed by Kathryn Churchill in memory of Morris and Mother.
### Weekly Schedule

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### Announcements

1. Don’t forget to sign the Friendship Pad. It’s a small thing but very important.

2. Greeters are needed for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am. A Sign-up sheet is at the Check-in Table or contact Kimberly Caldwell.

3. The Family Room (Room 110) is open every Sunday morning for your use. Live stream of worship, toys and activities for children, privacy for nursing parents, and changing tables or bathroom available.

4. “Gently used” blankets or quilts are needed for domestic violence victims at Alternatives to Violence. ATV gives each client a blanket or quilt as they leave the safe house here in Loveland. Donations may be left in the box in MVPC’s office area.

5. A Celebration of Life service for Bob Swindler is planned for May 19 at 10:30 am here at MVPC.

6. Spring is an exciting time at Highlands and we need your HELP to be the hands and feet we need to start our main season off right. We have work for all ages, abilities, and skills. If you are considering bringing a team with a specific skill set - please call ahead that they might capitalize on your gifts. Early arrivals will be treated to breakfast and a free lunch is served with the day. Come join us for a day of work, fun, faith, and fellowship, May 21 at 9:30 am. Questions? Contact Doris Weaver or any Deacon.
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  #466

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of canceled sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the foulest clean;
Christ’s blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Lyrics: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
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’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Lyrics: Louisa M. R. Stead (circa 1850-1917)
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Be Thou My Vision  #339

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Lyrics: Dallan Forgaill (530-598) Translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
Adapted by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)
Music: Irish traditional melody. Hymn Tune: Slane
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1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall extol your works to another
   and shall declare your mighty acts.
5 They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
   and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
6 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
   and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
7 The LORD is gracious and merciful,
   slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
8 The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
9 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
   and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
   who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
   and spreads them like a tent to live in,
10 who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
11 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
   scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
   when he blows upon them, and they wither,
   and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
12 To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
13 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
   He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
   because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.


15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket
   and are accounted as dust on the scales;
   see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
   nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering.
17 All the nations are as nothing before him;
   they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
18 To whom, then, will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?
19 An idol? A workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
   and casts for it silver chains.
20 As a gift one chooses mulberry wood - wood that will not rot—
   then seeks out a skilled artisan to set up an image that will not topple.
21 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
   Has it not been told you from the beginning?
   Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
   or from the end of the earth, where the sun sets
   and the beginning of the earth, where the sun rises?
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8 Remember this and consider;
   recall it to mind, you transgressors;
9 remember the former things of old,
   for I am God, and there is no other;
   I am God, and there is no one like me,
10 declaring the outcome from the beginning
   and from ancient times things not yet done,
   saying, “My purpose shall stand,
   and I will fulfill my intention,”
11 calling a bird of prey from the east,
   the man for my purpose from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
   I have planned, and I will do it.
12 Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
   you who are far from deliverance:
13 I bring near my deliverance; it is not far off,
   and my salvation will not tarry;
   I will put salvation in Zion,
   for Israel my glory.