

## Gather in God's Name

*Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst*

**Childcare is available in the nursery**

**Large print hymnals available—see usher**

**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand**

### Ringing of the Church Bell

### Prelude

"Aria No. 3" from *Parita No. 4 in G minor*

Kelly O'Dell, *Oboist*

Erin Hansen, *Harpist*

Georg Philipp Telemann

### Welcome

Curtis Fussell

### \*Opening Litany

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

Leader: The Lord leads me beside still waters.

**People: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness.**

Leader: In the valleys of suffering,

**People: I will fear no evil, for the Lord is with me.**

*Based on Psalm 23*

### \*Processional Hymn #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

***Our gracious God, we have come to seek your guidance, because of who you are and because of who we are. You are our great Shepherd, generous and kind. We are the lost and stumbling ones. The path before us is confusing, so we are desperate for insights, patience, and understanding. Keep us close to you, dear Christ. Persevere with us. Keep reaching out to us, who wander so easily away from your fold. Keep being our great Shepherd that we may have abundant life. (Moment of silent individual confession) Amen.***

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Proclaim God's Word

### Children's Moment

### Anthem

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake, for his Name's sake, for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me:  
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,  
in the house of the Lord forever.

*Psalm 23*

### Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-42

### Sermon

"Weavings on Resurrection"

Curtis Fussell

### \*Affirmation of Faith

***God comes to us only through Jesus Christ. In all crises and trials of our life we call on Jesus alone. For we have received his Word: "Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."***

***Moreover, we have his promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Since we believe in God alone, we call on God alone, and we do so through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*The Second Helvetic Confession [1566]*

### \*Gloria Patri

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***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.***

*Hymn 581*

## Give Thanks To God

### Celebration of Ministry and Membership

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad  
and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

### Prayers of God's People

## SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MAY 12, 2019

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

11:00 A.M.

### Weekly

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship  
Communion  
first Sunday  
of each month

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

*Dedicated to the Glory of God on September 13, 1885  
Highlands, North Carolina*

**Solo** "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte  
Garrett Whipkey, *Tenor*

Our Father, which 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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom**

**Offertory** Georg Philipp Teleman  
"Aria No. 5" from *Parita No. 4 in G minor*

**\*Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH  
*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.*  
*Hymn 606*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Go In God's Name To Serve

**\*Hymn #826** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude** "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

**Participating in Today's Service:**

Michael Lancaster, Director of Worship/Music  
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

**Our Greeters today are:**

Carol & Skip Hughes and Kelly & Scott McDuff

*The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God  
and in honor of all mothers on Mother's Day.*

**Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:**

Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece),  
Steve Castellaw, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother),  
Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister),  
Christy Kelly, Linda Lancaster, Pat Langston (Delaine Nelson's father),  
Carolyn Lucas (Chad Lucas' mother), Van Lucas (Chad Lucas' uncle),  
Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner),  
Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),  
Ernestine "Teen" Reed (Betty Fisher's Aunt),  
David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton),  
Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law), Veda & Jimmy Sherard,  
Kay Smith, Kevin Tietze, Scott Tuner, and Robert Whaley (Judy Joyner's cousin).

**Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:**

Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Dianne Copeland,  
Lyle Cox, Agnes Crowe, Steve Foster, Jackson Hall, K.C. Hembree,  
Billie Jean Hendrix, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland,  
Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy,  
Melanie Nix, Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,  
Gene Talley and Woodrow Wilson.

**WE WELCOME GUESTS** who are worshipping with us today.

If you are seeking a church home and would like to follow Jesus Christ  
through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to full or affiliate  
membership. For more information, please speak with one of the ministers  
after worship, or call the church office.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, May 13	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room
Tuesday, May 14	4:00	Book Club— <i>Solstice</i> by Anne EnrightSol —The Ugly Dog Public House — <i>See announcement</i>
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, May 15	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 16	6:00	Highlands School Academic Banquet —Coleman Hall & Sanctuary
Friday, May 17	4:00	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, May 18	11:00	Wedding

### Sunday, May 19, 2019

9:30 Adult Education Class —Library—*see announcement*

11:00 Morning Worship Service

Guest Musicians:

Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus

Patti Black, *Pianist*

4:00 Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus Concert

—*see announcement*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of May is Scott McDuff.

**Special thanks to today's guest musicians:**

**Erin Hansen** is a Kansas native who moved to South Carolina to attend school and never left. She graduated from Bob Jones University in 2016 with a degree in Harp Performance, and received a Master's Degree in Composition in May 2019. She performs regularly in the Upstate, and works as a graduate assistant in the BJU Music Library.

**Kelly O'Dell** earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and a Performance Certificate from the Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam. She was a

winner of the Concerto Competition at the University of Massachusetts, where she received her Masters Degree. She currently performs oboe and English horn with the Hilton Head Orchestra, North Charleston Pops, Symphony Orchestra Augusta, Augusta Choral Society, Lyra Vivace Chamber Orchestra, and has recently started Highlands Wedding Music. Kelly and her husband recently purchased a home in Highlands.

Gratitude is extended to **The Matthews Music Fund** for underwriting today's guest musicians.

**Garrett Whipkey** is a native of Clinton, North Carolina, and a graduate of Western Carolina University, where he studied saxophone under Ian Jeffress and voice under Michael Lancaster and Bill Martin. He was formerly a Chancel Choir Intern at Highlands First Presbyterian Church and currently serves as a staff singer at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, Colorado. He will begin graduate study for voice in the fall of 2019 under tenor Matthew Plenk at the University of Denver. Garrett would like to lovingly dedicate today's performance of *The Lord's Prayer* in memory of Cherry Martin, the late wife of Bill Martin.

**The Beyond the Walls Book Club** meets every Tuesday, at 4 pm, at The Ugly Dog Public House. We are currently reading *The O. Henry Prize Stories 2018*, edited by Laura Furman. Beyond the Walls will be starting a new book of short stories on May 21, *The Moons of Jupiter* by Alice Munro. The cost of the book to each reader will be \$8.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

**The Adult Education Class** has begun a study on the parable of the Prodigal Son with the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. This class will continue through the month of May. The class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library. Books are available in the church office. This study makes use of Rembrandt's painting interpreting the scene when the prodigal son arrives home with his father embracing him while his older brother stands aside. A way of discovery ensues in this parable for those who have known rejection, jealousy or anger. It challenges us to find fresh ways to see ourselves in the prodigal son, the elder brother, and ultimately in the loving father.

**The Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus** will present a free concert entitled *Rejoice in the Lamb* at 4pm on Sunday, May 19th in our church sanctuary. The group will also sing during the 11am worship service that morning. The Chamber Chorus is conducted by Dr. Michael Lancaster.

**The Carolina Women's Chorale** summer singers will begin our third season of rehearsals soon. The chorale is open to sopranos and altos, no audition required. The Chorale rehearses every Thursday, June through August, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the church choir room. Dr. Michael Lancaster is the Director. For more information, call the church office at 828 526-3175 or Donna Philips at 828 526-5842.

The Church of the Incarnation will offer a **Grief Support Group** on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 beginning June 6th through July 18th. The group will not meet on July 4th. This group will be offered on an ongoing basis as a service to the community of Highlands. The facilitator of the group will be Anne Koenig, LPC, RPT-S, a local private practice counselor also affiliated with the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center Highlands. Anne has been in practice for several decades. She has led several groups, including groups to help relieve Post Traumatic Stress. For additional information and registration, please call the church office at (828) 526-2968 or Anne Koenig at (404) 357-0728.

The Highlands United Methodist Church's **Annual Author's Tea** will be held June 15th at the Methodist Church. Local author Diane C. McPhail will be the featured writer. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Books are \$26.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the HUMC building fund. Contact the Highlands United Methodist Church.

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