

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Draw near to the God who has drawn near to us!  
Meet Jesus, who has struggled with our temptations,  
borne our sorrows, shared our anguish,  
and authored our triumph.*

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG *I Love You, Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God whispers your name. "Come and worship!"  
**All of us. Young, old, sister, brother, cousin, friend.**

Again and again: "Come and worship!"  
**All of us.**  
**The weak and the strong,**  
**the lost and the searching,**  
**the joyous and the sad.**

From a whisper to a shout: "Come and worship!"  
**All of us.**  
**Toddlers and elders, parents and grandparents, youth and the youthful.**

Here in this place, the light is shining and God is beckoning. "Come and worship!"  
**All of us.**  
**Here and now!**  
**Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of unexpected opportunities, be present with us this day.  
Offer us lives that lean forward toward the expectation  
that we will find you leading us through every mist,  
and finally waiting for us when all mists clear. Amen.**

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+HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Pastor Kelly **God of grace, you nurture us toward maturity  
so that we might be one with Christ  
as incarnations of his teaching in this world.**

see insert **We confess that it is so much easier to remain spiritual children  
irresponsible, inconsistent, and easily distracted.**

John Dye **We confess that the world's enticements seem so much less dem  
than your call to speak the truth in love,  
to be patient with each other, and to love our enemies.  
Grant us the courage to remember our connection to you  
and to embrace our heritage as children of God. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE *The peace and love of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.*

## Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.  
Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold: all people respond**

**We pray to you, our God and King.**

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

**We wait in expectation.**

By your great mercy, I will come into your house;  
in reverence I will bow down toward your holy temple.

**We come in reverence by your great mercy.**

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies –  
make straight your way before me.

**Lead us in your righteousness. Make our way straight.**

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them  
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**We take refuge in you and rejoice in your protection.**

For sure, O Lord, you bless the righteous;  
you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

**Lord, make us righteous and surround us with your shield.  
Listen to our cry, for you are our God and King.**

+HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Daniel 1:5, 8-12

SERMON VEGETARIANS IN BABYLON

## Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Seek Ye First*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ  
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.  
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,  
not perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,  
we strive to become more faithful and effective  
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(using "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass a

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY I

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

see insert

## Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

Pastor Kelly

+HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG *Here I Am, Lord*  
(refrain only)

+POSTLUDE I  
Hymn 333