

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

~ Isaiah 43:2

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG *I Love You, Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come together, everyone, and bring your stories
and sing your songs and share in the Spirit.

Let your feelings paint the sky
like a rainbow of banners and balloons.

Let your thoughts fill the air
and come to life in bodies of sound ringing out like a song
to which the whole world will be dancing.

Let even the silence speak with a thousand voices
in tribute to our loving, living God
and in celebration of our lives –
the priceless gift God has given us.

Let us worship God together.

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

OPENING PRAYER

**Living Word, write upon our hearts a new story this day.
Inscribe indelibly the story of redemption, forgiveness, and tran
Record the hope that will be fulfilled,
the promises that will be kept, the waiting that is not
Enrich us with the words that are spoken, the songs that a
and the faces of all who worship with us here today.
Make us one with you – one body, one faith, one vision. Amen**

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+HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Kelly

**O God, we don't have to tell you all the things we boast about;
see insert every one. And you know that most of them are meaningl
Guide us to turn our hearts from the flashy successes we think
so special, and to see what you celebrate in us:
the small and humble sacrifices that we don't even n
Forgive us our fruitless priorities, and set us on your path – a w
that is lined with opportunities to be made perfect in weak**

Doris M Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ebony and Neville Mbarika

Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Bold: all people respond I said to the Lord,

“You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing

As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all God's delight.
The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

**I will praise you Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I have set you Lord always before me.
Because you are at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore, let your heart be glad and your tongue rejoice.
Let your body also rest secure,
because your God will not abandon you to the grave,
nor will God let his Holy One see decay.

**You have made known to me the path of life.
You fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

**I will trust in the Lord with all my heart
and rest not on my own understanding.
In all my ways I will acknowledge God and he will direct my paths.**

+HYMN *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Daniel 3:15-18

SERMON BUT IF NOT

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *~ from A Declaration of Faith 1977*

**God moves in history with his people.
Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.**

**The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history
together with his people's response in faith.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
toward the kingdom of God,
his just and loving rule over all.**

**It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe. Amen.**

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

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

see insert
Pastor Kelly
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

+HYMN *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Hymn 210
+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG *Amen*

+POSTLUDE