

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Come away to God's sanctuary.*

*Come to meet Jesus.*

*Come to discover what it means to be God's people,  
in service, in mission, in ministry.*

*Come and worship, praise, and adore!*

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

*I Love You, Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us together to worship this morning.

**From our work and play within the world, God gathers us  
to give thanks for creation's goodness,  
for the strength to labor,  
for the wisdom to relax.**

**From amidst our friends and family, God brings us here  
to participate in a community of faith,  
Christ's people, a new family.**

**From everyday conversations, talk, and chatter, God invites us  
to engage one another in dialogue,  
to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind,  
to pray freely.**

Let us heed God's call and rejoice in what God enables. Welcome to worship.

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

**Bold: all people respond**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

July 19, 2015  
+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, creator of the universe, we stand before you through  
times of joy and plenty, we fail to give you thanks. In a normal  
day, we think we did pretty well and do not consider that you walk  
the way. When the tough days come, when our health fails, when we  
mistreated, when the finances do not seem adequate, we cry out  
Expect an instant, positive response. All of this we do as humans  
because we forget that you are always with us. We do not hang  
on to our knowledge that by your grace we are brothers and sisters in  
Christ. Forgive us for not acknowledging your constant presence.  
Amen**

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Pastor Keith

see insert

Carol Behrman

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The love of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

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If it had not been that God was on our side – let us all admit it – if it  
God was on our side, during our trials and tribulations we would have  
swallowed alive.

**While the storms of life were raging, the flood of troubles washed  
us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us  
the raging waters.**

Blessed be the Redeemer who has not forgotten or abandoned us. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. to be treasured, nurtured, shared and dared to the praise and glory forever! Amen and Amen!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Hymn 404

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Kelly

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6:14-18

+DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

SERMON

BETTER OFF WITH THE LIONS

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

## Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

see insert

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *A Creed for Now*

## Bearing and Following THE WORD into the world

*We believe in the loving Creator,*  
whose generous providence has been above all, beneath all and in all the moments and days of our lives, and will be at work in ages to come.

+HYMN

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,*  
whose saving grace finds, heals and reconciles millions of lost sinners, including even us, and who calls us to the ministry of reconciliation.

+BENEDICTION

God's story is unfolding.  
God's Spirit is indwelling.  
God's patience is unending.  
God's vision is inspiring.

*We believe in the Spirit of truth,*  
whose tireless energy is at work through all the upheavals, achievements, disappointments, joys and discoveries of this era.

**Let us go forth,  
Sustained by story, Spirit and vision,  
Enduring with patience.  
Triumphant!  
Exultant!**

*We believe in this wonderful God,*  
who loves our land and its people and is weaving through the tangled affairs of our nation a purpose outreaching anything we could imagine.

+SENDING SONG

*Amen*

*We believe that our belief is a precious gift,*

+POSTLUDE