

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

~ A Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+DOXOLOGY

More Precious than Silver

see insert

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sealing THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN

Come Share the Lord

see insert

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

*If you are unable to come forward,
please remain seated and we will come to you.*

+CLOSING HYMN

The Lord’s Prayer

+POSTLUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

“When they had sung a hymn, they went out.”

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2015

*Be filled with the Spirit as you sing!
Make melody to the Lord in your heart.
Give thanks to God the Father at all times,
and for everything, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

CENTERING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

see insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Stewart

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned.
A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**We know the beauty of God’s creation
and the wonder of the human family.
We remember those whose love has shaped our lives
and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping,
even in nights of loneliness.**

We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts,
to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

**May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together
may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

Let us worship God.

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit. **Bold: all people respond**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord our God, you have loved us with an everlasting love
and your mercies are new every morning.
Forgive us when we take our eyes off you
and focus only on our own wants and desires.
Feed and nourish us at your table this morning,
that we might share with others the good news of your love in Jesus Christ
until that day when heaven and earth are one. Amen.**

+HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hymn 288

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Love, you call us to love one another as you have loved us.
You ordain us to be one with each other, even as the Father and the Son are one.
Yet we are separated from our sisters and brothers.
Our divisions defame your good name.
Forgive us in your great mercy.
Baptize us anew with your Spirit of love
that with grace we shall accept those whom you accept,
love those whom you love,
forgive one another as you have forgiven us,
and live and work in united witness through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of grace:
To all who truly repent of their sin, God is merciful and just and will forgive.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and offered peace beyond all understanding.

+THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Offer the sign of Christ to one another in word, handshake, hug, or other sign.

Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING and PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Todd Stewart
(adapted from Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

**There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

**They are more precious than gold;
They are sweeter than honey from the comb.**

By these ordinances your servant is warned.
In keeping them there is great reward.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing
in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

SCRIPTURE *Obadiah 1:11-15* Pastor Kelly

SERMON *WHEN A BROTHER LAUGHS*

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* see insert