

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*If the Lord had not been my help,  
my soul would...have lived in the land of silence.*  
~ Psalm 94:17

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG      *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this haven, this place of hospitality.

**Here the God of the still small voice  
waits with eternal patience for us  
to endure the whirlwind,  
the fire, and the earthquake.**

Welcome to this resting place, where angels bring refreshment.

**Whether we wake or sleep, walk or run,  
speak or enter the divine silence,  
God beckons us to enter this time, this place.**

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship.  
Search within each of us for sighs too deep for words and make  
so that we may share our hopes and fears and bring out of our  
changing prayers for ourselves and, in intercession, for your pr  
creation. Amen.**

August 9, 2015

+HYMN

*Joy to the World*  
(based on Psalm 98)

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Kelly

**Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray. You taught us to come to yo  
speak to you about our cares and concerns. You also taught us  
cares and concerns of others, to make their pain our own in pra**

Doris M. Thompson

**O Lord, keep teaching us to pray. Help us to pray that all may  
times of trial. Yet, Lord Jesus, we ask that you make those trial  
bearable but also worth bearing for the sake of being fully alive  
hidden within them.**

**Then, O Lord, give us new life – richly lived, fully engaged, mo  
we could ever expect. These things we pray in your name, Jesu  
Amen**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Let us offer the sign of peace to one another in word, handshake, hu

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

**Bold: all people respond**

# Proclaiming THE WORD

## RESPONSIVE READING

Loving God, you see through me and know me.  
**Whether I rush or rest, you are with me.**

When I wander, you seek me out;  
**You always recognize what I am up to.**

Before I can turn thoughts into words,  
**You understand my deepest longings.**

Where could I ever lose touch with you?  
**Where could I escape your presence?**

If I rocket though the skies of outer space, or meet children of the stars,  
**You will be waiting for me out there,  
still loving me without limit.**

If everything on earth goes wrong and the world becomes sheer hell,  
**Even then your hand will lead me,  
your right hand will tightly hold me.**

If I slip into the darkness of depression, each day as gloomy as deep night,  
**You are the torch at my side,  
the radiance at the end of the tunnel.**

O God, your thoughts for me are precious, their total defies computation,  
**They outnumber the sand and the stars,  
yet at the end there is much more.**

See through me and test my feelings,  
**Sift me and sample my thoughts,**

Uncover anything that is infected  
**And lead me on the boundless journey.**

+HYMN

*Take My Life*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*based on Psalm 139*

## SCRIPTURE

Jonah 2:1-10  
Matthew 6:6-8

## SERMON

## WHISTLING IN THE DARK

## Responding to THE WORD

### +HYMN

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *Celebration!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

### +DOXOLOGY

*Give Thanks*

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

### +HYMN

*He Lives*

### +BENEDICTION

### +SENDING SONG

*Song of Hope*

### +POSTLUDE

Hymn 391

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Celebration!*  
*based on Psalm 148*

Hallelujah!

Joyfully praise God, everywhere and everything!

Let praise fill the whole cosmos!

**Praise God, all races and nations on earth.**

**Praise God, all children of the distant stars.**

Praise God, sun, moon and the planets.

Give praise, solar winds, stars, and comets.

**Praise God, supernovas and spiral nebulae.**

**Give praise, black holes and cosmic mysteries.**

Praise God, manatee, platypus and armadillo.

Give praise, mockingbird, magpie and cockatoo.

**Praise God, straight pine, live oak, and tree fern.**

**Give praise azaleas, camelias and sea grass.**

Praise God, jumbo jet and space shuttle.

Give praise, pilot, navigator and astronaut.

**Praise God, baker, farmer and grocer.**

**Give praise, technician, trauma nurse and flying doctor.**

Praise God, all microscopic wonders,

Give praise, cells, chromosomes and genes.

**Praise God, atoms, electrons and quarks.**

**Give praise, microchips and microsurgery.**

Praise God, governors, President , and prime minister.

Give praise, painter, musician and comedian.

**Praise God, chapel, church and cathedral.**

**Give praise, bishop, priest and pastor.**

Let everything praise the goodnes of the Creator,

For God alone can be utterly trusted.

**God, our God, is worthy of love and adoration.**

**Give praise, everything and everywhere!**

**HALLELUJAH!**