

# Order for the Worship of God

OPENING PRAYER

Highland Presbyterian Church

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

August 23, 2015

*Come away to a quiet place,  
apart from the world and its frantic pace,  
to pray, reflect, and seek God's peace.  
Come, join together in silent praise,  
with thoughts of the countless ways  
that God's steadfast love has blessed your days.*

**God of every new morning, we thank you for the hope of this day.  
In our world of uncertainty you have brought us the promise of  
The colors of the world, the creatures of the earth,  
the majesty of the universe witness to the joy which is yours.  
The words of scripture, the cycles of nature, the renewal of  
all testify to the hope which you have planted in all things.  
Let us praise you, O God, for the joy and hope that you have brought  
through Jesus, your Son. Amen.**

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Thomas Tucker

CENTERING SONG

*Holy Ground*

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ based on Psalm 100:2-4

God, we are seeking you;  
**Let yourself be found.**

God, we are calling you.  
**Listen to our prayers.**

We enter your courts with singing.  
**We walk through your gates with thanksgiving.**

Receive your people with gladness!  
**Welcome us with blessings!**

Let us worship God.

+HYMNS OF ADORATION

*Holy! Holy! Holy!*

(vv. 1 and 4)

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

(vv. 1 and 4)

*How Great Thou Art*

(vv. 1 and 2)

+CALL TO CONFESSION

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*based on 1*

Carol Behrmann

**O God, our creator in whose presence we live and breathe,  
We see your nature as perfect and complete.  
Help us not to abuse our free will by working  
and living apart from you and each other.  
Help us remember that you are the source of our nourishment,  
both physical and spiritual,  
and help each of us experience these gifts each moment of our lives.  
Keep us from seeking to serve only ourselves,  
and help us to forgive all those who harm us  
so that we ourselves can be forgiven for the harm we've done.  
Please be with us in our sickness and failure,  
and help us to avoid the self-doubt and fear  
we use to crush our own spirits and those of others.  
Above all, let us be freed from that which keeps us separated  
from each other and you, our God.  
Yours is the power that makes this real. Amen.**

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

**Bold: all people respond**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE

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

## Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

## Proclaiming THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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RESPONSIVE READING

*Peace with God*

based on Romans 5:1-5

**The church is marked by the Holy Spirit.**

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Across the centuries since the church was founded, the Spirit has formed and identified it.**

Through Jesus Christ we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

**We have entered God's grace by faith in Christ.**

**We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:**

**in preaching and sacraments,  
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,  
in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,  
in mission and service to the world.**

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

**We do rejoice.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**Our trials serve in making us godly.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom God has given us.

**God's love is manifested through his people.**

+DOXOLOGY

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen and Amen.**

## Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

+HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

+HYMN

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Hymn 339  
+BENEDICTION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor, Kelly

+SENDING SONG

*Song of Hope*

SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 1:1-6

+POSTLUDE

SERMON

JERUSALEM OUR FUTURE