

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms
If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God
If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides,
so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.
~ 1 Peter 4:10-11*

OPENING PRAYER

**Abiding God, listen to your children at worship.
Hear not only our praise; hear as well our hurts and needs.
Accept our silence as communication with you,
as some of our pleas are too raw or too intimate or too angry
for us to voice aloud in the presence of our peers.
Holy God, accept our prayers as expressions of worship
and as calls for you to come into our lives and into our world
so that we may be the people you created us to be
and that our world may bear resemblance to the realm of your
Amen.**

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

+HYMN
Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Give Thanks, O Christian People

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO CONFESSION
Pastor Kelly

CENTERING SONG

To God Be the Glory

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION
Hymn 485

CALL TO WORSHIP

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Rev. Dr. Alan Cutter

Good morning! This is the middle of Labor Day weekend!

**We have gathered here – apart from barbecues and sunburn and visits
with family and friends.**

We gather here to worship God.

**We have gathered here to remember our story within the household of
God.**

Come, let us worship God.

Let us remember. Let us pray and sing!

**Gracious God,
When we close our hearts to those who mourn,
forgive us.
When we close our tables to those who hunger,
forgive us.
When we close our halls of justice to those who are oppressed,
forgive us.
When we close our doors to those who are homeless,
forgive us.
Forgive us, we pray, our persecution of your saints.**

**All-powerful God, bring us through humility to holiness,
as one brought through a keyhole backwards.**

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit. **These things we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**
Bold: all people respond

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+THE PEACE

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

Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING ~ Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is more desirable than great riches;
To be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Rich and poor have this in common:
The Lord is the Maker of them all.

He who sows wickedness reaps trouble,
and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
**A generous man will himself be blessed,
for he shares his food with the poor.**

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor
and do not crush the needy in court,
**For the Lord will take up their case
and will plunder those who plunder them.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:24-37

SERMON EVERY PERSON MATTERS

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

+LITANY FOR THOSE WHO LABOR

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

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

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

Sealing THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

+HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

*When invited to come forward,
move toward the center aisle and proceed down the aisle
to receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake of the elements.
If you are unable to come forward,
please remain seated and we will come to you.*

+CLOSING HYMN

The Lord's Prayer

*Let us reach across the aisles joining with our neighbors
offering a blessing to each other
as we prepare to take God's love into the world.*

Hymn 438
+POSTLUDE

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"When they had sung a hymn, they went out."