

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2015

*The love of Christ surround us
The light of Christ lead us
The peace of Christ fill us
The power of Christ aid us
The joy of Christ thrill us
The presence of Christ be with us now.*

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG *Seek Ye First*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

And now we have received an inheritance that is imperishable and undefiled.

It is kept in heaven for us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Let us worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

OPENING PRAYER

**We worship you, O God,
and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you.
We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ
to be with us wherever two or three gather in his name.
Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth,
that we may serve you in the world.
In the strong and confident name of Jesus Christ, we pray.**

+HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Dr. Tom Tucker

Hymn 333

**Creator God, You gave us the gift of life.
You placed us on the earth, with all its trees and fruits.
You gave us care of the earth and all its living creatures.
Today you call us: "Where are you; what have you done?"**

(silence)

**We hide in utter shame, for we are naked.
We abuse the earth and steal from it.
We refuse to share the earth's resources.
We seek to own what is not ours, but Yours.**

**O God of Love,
You gave us the gift of peoples of many cultures and colors
to love and care for and share our lives with.
Today you ask us: "Where are your brother and your sister"**

(silence)

**We hide ourselves in shame and fear.
Poverty, hunger, hatred, and war rule the earth.
Refugees, orphans, the homeless, the oppressed,
and the voiceless cry out to you.**

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

Bold: all people respond

**Forgive us, O God of Love.
Reconcile us to You and to one another.
Teach us that the earth and everything therein is Yours.
Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Proclaiming THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38

+HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-13

SERMON **THE DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK
... AND OTHER EXCUSES**

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER
Traditional using debts and debtors

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

Hymn 329 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Rev. Betsy Irvine

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

Hymn 324

+HYMN

~ A Declaration of Faith

Lift High the Cross

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG

Amen

+POSTLUDE