

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

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

September 20, 2015

*As God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience.  
And over all these virtues put on love,  
which binds them all together in perfect unity.  
~ Colossians 3:12, 14*

## OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your great love, is our home away from home. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by wind and water and all life upon the land. We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – knowing that you accept us and are ever mindful of our condition. Speak to us, Spirit of Life, in word and melody and silence, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for the journey ahead. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

+HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

## Gathering around THE WORD

RELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ENTERING SONG

*This Is the Day*

see insert

**God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, ourselves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. We have allowed religious words and rituals to substitute encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate God. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and grace. Amen.**

ALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Behrmann

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
**We will consecrate it not with the clothing we wear,  
but with the coat we take off and give to the one who has not.**

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
**We will glorify it not with the full meals we eat,  
but with the food we prepare and give to the one who has not.**

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
**We will honor it not with the ceremonies we perform,  
but with the welcome we extend to one another.**

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+THE PEACE

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

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

**Bold: all people respond**

## Proclaiming THE WORD

ESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
or stand in the way of sinners  
or sit in the seat of mockers.

**But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither.

**Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

*Holy Bible, Book Divine*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

James 4:1-17

HYMN

SECTS IN THE CITY

## Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with the message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the entire world. Christ has called us to separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called us to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church continues its continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

*Give Thanks*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

see insert **Bearing and Following THE WORD into the world**

+HYMN

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Pastor Kelly

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG

*Here I Am, Lord*  
(refrain only)

+POSTLUDE