

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2015

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith.
~Ephesians 6:23

Gathering in Acts of Praise and Prayer

+HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

Tender God, we come before you with prayers on our hearts.
We seek the balm that only you can provide.
There is a Balm in Gilead (refrain)

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

**There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded w
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick so**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

CENTERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me!

We pray for all children, that they may know wholeness in their liv
and flourish as God intends. We pray especially for children who a
that while they wait for healing, they may know the love and preser
Hymn 304

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Alan Cutter

sung response

“Come,” my heart says, “seek God’s face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek (Psalm 27:8)
**We come to this place on this Sabbath day to seek God,
to glimpse God in the faces of children,
to know God in the Spirit who moves among us when we work for children.**
We pray for families, especially families that know pain – whether
divorce, violence, drugs, rebellion, lack of resources, lack of time to
or illness – that they may find healing.
sung response

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14b)

**We come today carrying children in our hearts –
the children we brought into this world, our grandchildren,
children we care for in our work, children we speak out for in our witness.
Let the children come!**

We pray for communities that are divided by racism, violence, selfi
or ideology, that they may find ways to work together to improve tl
of children, families, and all who live in them.
sung response

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! (Psalm 95:1)

**We come today with hearts that sing with thanksgiving –
thanksgiving for the wonder of childhood, the lives we have touched
and that have touched ours, the gains for justice, the steps toward peace.
Come, let us worship God!**

We pray for leaders – leaders of our nation, states, and communitie
congregations, of schools and childcare centers, of scout troops and
hospitals and homeless shelters – that they may lead in a way that e
while promoting unity for the wellbeing of children, families and c
sung response

We pray for ourselves – for the dashed dream, the bruised spirit, th
the battered hope. Come touch our hearts with the tenderness and l
only you can provide, that we may be renewed for the work we are
sung response

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

Bold: all people respond

sung response

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+DOXOLOGY

My Tribute

+THE PEACE

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Proclaiming THE WORD

READING

Grandad's Prayers of the Earth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

SERMON

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

+AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Sealing THE WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM

Alan Cutter

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Kelly

HYMN

Come Share the Lord

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

*When invited to come forward,
move toward the center aisle and proceed down the aisle
see insert 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 go forth to celebrate, to heal, to seek justice
as ones claimed as God's children.*

CONVENING OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING