

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2015

*I have held many things in my hands and lost them all,
but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.*
~ Martin Luther

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG *Surely the Presence*

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are here, O Lord! You are here in this place with your people.
You are here to tune our hearts to sing of your wonderful grace.

For God's great mercy demands our highest praise, our loudest song!
**You are here to teach us the song of the angels
that we may join them in your praise.**

For your love has blessed our lives.
You have guided our every step with your strong hand.
**You are here to assure us that you will continue
to lead us in your righteous path.**

You are here to bind our hearts to you through your goodness
for we often wander from your love.
**Here is my heart, O Lord.
Take it, seal it...set it apart for your praise alone.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O Holy God, we come this morning with gratefulness of heart.
We have come to worship you
and in the process have found joy and content in our souls.
We have found here in your house
the warmth of friendship,
the care of neighbor,
the acceptance of stranger,
and the joy of fellowship.
We open ourselves in confession; we receive forgiveness.
We sing the songs that fill our hearts with gladness
and witness the miracle of childlike faith.
We marvel at your presence and long for your healing touch.
Be with us this day, O Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Pastor Kelly
+HYMN

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

see insert

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol Behrmann

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, what a strange mixture we are –
insatiable in our searching,
bold with our theories,
surrounded with electronic enchantments,
yet creatures of boundless blindness
when it comes to the things that ultimately matter.
Touch us and restore to us a sane view of life.
Let us see ourselves as beings
made for worship, fellowship, justice,
and love.
Enable us to treasure our friends and pray for our enemies,
serve our neighbors,
and seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness.**

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

Bold: all people respond. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 4:12-16

+HYMN *Seek Ye First*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-31

SERMON THE KINGDOM OF THINGDOM

+DOXOLOGY *My Tribute*

Hymn 335 +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Kelly

Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

+HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG *I Surrender All*
(chorus only)

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *I Surrender All*

see insert

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith*

**I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

God makes himself known in Jesus Christ.

+POSTLUDE

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Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.

His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.

His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.

His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.

Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.