

Order for the Worship of God

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Highland Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. In your saving love, let us confess our sin.

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CENTERING SONG

Almighty God,

*Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

NETTLETON
(Tune of Hymn 356)
We confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.
We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in you.
We have carelessly ignored the angels you send in our midst and have not been faithful to your call to love.
We have sought power in the might of this world rather than in the power of your Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doris M Thompson

Forgive us, we pray.

How precious is the steadfast love of God.
**All people may take refuge
in the shadow of God's embrace.**
Christ is the fountain of life.
In Christ we behold the light of God.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through your mercy, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Holy God,
through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.
Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,
that we may believe with our minds
and trust in our hearts
that you alone are Lord of all creation.**

THE PEACE

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offer the sign of Christ to one another in word, handshake, hug, or kiss.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Proclaiming THE WORD

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

Bold: all people respond

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 36:5-10

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

+HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Verse 2

Hymn 356

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loon

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SERMON

“Expect the Unexpected”

Rev. McElwee-Smith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Responding to THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO GIVE

God is a generous giver of gifts
that flow like a river from the fountain of life.
Therefore bring your offerings with thanks and praise;
for all the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

**At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divi
filled to the brim and flowing over.**

We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.

**Bless them and our lives to your service,
they may reveal your glory,
nurture faith, and manifest the common good.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Bearing and Following THE WORD into th

-HYMN OF DEDICATION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

-CHARGE

Friends, remember that you are a child of God:

And God loves God's children!

-BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Traditional, p. 16,
The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts abov***

-POSTLUDE

Dr. Kit Loon