

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

Bulletin Note: Each week, Pastor Kent selects an image to enhance the sermon message. Look for it in the chancel area and as a slide inserted into the video message.

Prelude - Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

Ben Weaver, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Minute for Mission

Seven Counties Services

Call to Worship (Psalm 103)

Doodle Harris

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord,

O my soul.

Hymn No. 58 - When Israel Was Going Forth (Psalm 114)

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; grant us your patience and grace when we fall short. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases;

who redeems our life from the grave

and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn No. 59 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination

Betsy Foshee

First Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)

Time with Young Disciples Megan Berry
Second Reading Exodus 14: 19-22
Sermon "Forgive My Math" Kent Winters-Hazelton
Prayers of the People Megan Berry

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

With thankful hearts, let us lift up to God our gifts drawn from the abundance God has given to us.

Offertory Anthem - Help Us Accept Each Other John Ness Beck
Suzanne Bowman, soprano; Jennifer Poff Trentham, soprano; Brian Shaw, tenor;
Edward Caruthers, baritone; Ben Weaver, organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy and gracious God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn No. 435 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

Benediction

Postlude - Toccata on "Darwall's 148th" Gordon Young
Ben Weaver, organ

The flowers today are given in memory of Suzanne Ramsey Peterson, and thanks to God for lifelong friendships by Gary and Dorissa Falk.

The banner displayed in today's worship was designed and made by Susan Price Miller for the Easter Vigil. The theme is reconciliation.

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Brian Houchin, Emily McLaren, Isabel Hannah Mattingly, Bobby Franklin, Rachel Lacer, and Pat Dolack.

Condolences to Ginny Cromer, Lyn Ghiselin, Alison and Carolyn Cromer, Dean Adams, and Boone and Charlie Adams on the death of Art Cromer.

Condolences to the family and friends of Jerie Britton who died on September 1st, 2020.

Condolences to Mary Ellen Harned and family on the death of her brother, David Warner.