

## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost - November 8, 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 - Shall We Gather at the River arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Brian Allred, organ

Welcome and Announcements Kent Winters-Hazelton

Introit - Deep River Traditional Spiritual / arr. Moses Hogan  
Edward Caruthers, baritone; Brian Allred, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 78) Doodle Harris

Let us open our minds to God's teaching;  
**and tune our ear to God's word.**  
Let us listen to the stories of the faith of our ancestors;  
**and share our stories with our children.**  
We put our trust in God;  
**we worship the one who gives us life.**

Hymn No. 632 - People of the Lord (Psalm 78) JENNY VAN TSCHEGG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and loving God, we offer our praise this day for your wonderful gifts to us—for your love that sustains us and binds us together as your people; for your power that fills the earth and brings new life; for your peace that takes away fear and brings good hope in all things. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust in your presence and in your purpose for our lives. Help us to know where we are being called to witness and to serve. Fill us with your Spirit of gladness and joy. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God has called us and will lead us, even in the wilderness places.  
**Through Christ, we trust that God loves us and will always be with us.**  
Arise then, people of God. We are free  
**Our future is open, in the living hope of our Redeemer! Praise be our God.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination Todd Brown

Holy God, your word is strong and leads us to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us by your word that we may be faithful in our daily living, and bring glory to your gracious name. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 78:1-7

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

Time with Young Disciples

Megan Berry

Second Reading

Joshua 24:14-17, 21-28

Sermon

“Stones in the River”

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Hymn No. 50 - Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS’ PIPES

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory Anthem - Down in the River to Pray

arr. Carlo Vincetti Frizzo

Suzanne Bowman, soprano; Ashley Frizzo, mezzo-soprano; David Gambrell, tenor;

Edward Caruthers, baritone; Brian Allred, organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**All praise and honor be unto you, O God, for your faithfulness throughout all the generations. You surround us with your compassion and grace; whatever our needs, you meet them completely. Accept our gifts this day, dedicated to your glory, and offered with thanksgiving. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn No. 375 - Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Benediction

Postlude - Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello / arr. Theodore Dubois

The Stewardship Banner displayed in today’s worship was created by Susan Price.

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**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

**This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers:** Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Isabel Hannah Mattingly, Bobby Franklin, Pat Dolack, Dennis Robertson, Paul Frelick, and Adelaide Smith.