

Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 25, 2021 • 11:00am • Order of Worship

Prelude - III. Plaint from Suite in D

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As people of faith, we have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with one another.

So we have gathered together, joining our hearts, to worship God, to love one another and to serve the world.

Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 244 - This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions.

Assurance of Pardon

May God forgive you,
Christ surround you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Kathleen Poole

God, source of all light by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

First Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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

Time with Young Disciples

Doodle Harris

Second Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Sermon

“A Few More Places at the Table”

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Hymn No. 353 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

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 - He Shall Feed His Flock John Ness Beck / transcribed by Craig Courtney
Karen Crow, mezzo-soprano and Ben Weaver, piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of grace and peace, we come as those who have received Christ's reconciling love. We give our lives as a thank offering for the bountiful mercies you bestow on us. You refresh our hearts by the gift of a savior; may what we bring enrich others who seek your deliverance. Take us and use us as stewards of your grace and peace. Amen.

Hymn No. 741 - Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

Benediction

Postlude - Prelude (and Fugue) in D Major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Bobby Franklin, Dennis Robertson, George Carter, Leland Howard, Melissa Smith, Jan & Eugene Ward, Brian Houchin, Pam Phelps, Maryann Smith, and Kate Keller.

Condolences to the family and friends of Mary Rapier, who died on April 9th.

Condolences to Martha Ruth VanCleave and family on the death of William, who died on April 20th.