

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY  
LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH# 95

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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PRAYER FOR COMMUNION

*All are welcome! This is Christ's table, come just as you are. When you come, reach out your hands, and a piece of bread will be given to you. Dip the bread into the cup. You maybe served at your seat. The elements of grace is bread or gluten free communion wafers. The cup is filled with sugar free, grape flavored water.*

SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH# 383

BENEDICTION *Psalm 98 and Psalm 40*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
Make a joyful noise and life to the Lord, break forth into a joyous song and life!  
May people see and put their trust in the Lord.

*\*If able, please stand.*

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*A special thank to those who help us hear the good news and sing a new song all year long: Jennifer Brubaker, Pam Messenger, and the Highland Choir.*



Highland  
United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

*New Year's Day, 2017*

PRELUDE

THE GOOD NEWS *Isaiah 9:6, UMH, verse 3, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Isaiah 42:5 (The Message), 9, Psalm 96:1, Revelations 21:6.*

“A child has been born for us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**“Come, dearest child, into our hearts, and leave this crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts for all who seek and find you!”**

The new of news for us today and all days of this new year is we can walk in the  
“newness of life:” God’s life!

**“If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation! Everything old has passed away!  
See, everything has become new.”**

God who created the cosmos, stretched out the skies, laid out the earth and all that grows  
from it, who breathes life into earth’s people, makes us alive with his own life;”

**“See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”**

“O sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth—  
tell of his salvation from day to day.”

**“See, I am making all things new.”**

SHARING THE JOY OF THIS NEW DAY AND NEW LIFE IN EACH OF US

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS

POEM “*Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New*”

*(from poem, “Memoriam” by Alfred Lord Tennyson)*

RINGING THE BELL

\*SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *Joy to the World*

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GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR *Psalm 8*

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR *John 11:38-44*

SERMON *Wiggling into a New Year*

*Rev. Amy Pannell*

ACT OF PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *written by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, UMC*

**We believe in God, who creates us,  
who sustains us each moment,  
who is our life and our breath.**

**We follow Christ, who showed us God.**

**He received and shared God's grace.**

**He trusted God in everything.**

**He let go of things so that he might cling to Life.**

**He let go of life, so that he might hold onto Love.**

**He gave of himself, even his very life,**

**for the sake of the healing of the world.**

**And though he was crucified, God have him life again;**

**and he rose and is still among us in a new way.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, which alone gives us life.**

**We rejoice in the church, the Body of Christ,**

**and in the oneness of all life, the gift of forgiveness,**

**the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life.**

**By the power of that Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ,**

**we devote ourselves to being made new for the healing of the**

**world, and the eternal glory of God. Amen.**

\*SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *Take My Life*

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