

Highland United Methodist Church

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March 4, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests, Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Lent Wreath (*Four Candles are Lit*)

Leader: Our sins snuff out the light we can shine to others.

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts.
(Psalm 139:23)

Leader: Sweep in the corners of our life. Show me what I hold on to and hinder my following you, Jesus. Guilt, anger, loss, betrayl, bitterness,.....building up, making us sick. (*Silence for personal prayer*) (*Extinguish one candle.*)

All: We are dust, praying “Goodbye” to what we give our lives to, what we give power to, worshipping instead of God. We are dust, yelling “Hello” to the life You give us. (*Silence for personal prayer.*)

Leader: Let us sing “Change My Heart, O God.”

All Sing:

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (*Change My Heart, O God in The Faith We Sing 2152*)

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Moses and God’s “stubborn” children went through the wilderness, they built an idol and worshipped as if God had never saved them;

People: Goodbye to who and what we worship as if they are God; Hello to the One who is faithful and leads us!

Leader: Peter wanted to be the boss of Jesus—tell him what to do and how to be.

People: Goodbye to our ways; Hello to humbly following, learning.

Leader: Anything that is getting in the way from us experiencing and sharing your love, Lord, help us pray....

People: Goodbye.

Leader: So we can say hello all you are and all we can be!

*Opening Hymn: *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

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Opening Prayer

We are here, we take deep breathes....(Silent Prayer)

You are here, we are here ... (Silent Prayer)

We open our hands, hearts, and minds to receive....(Silent Prayer)

Amen.

Love Feast Commerical: To Love and Be Loved! *John 13:34*

Special Music

Old Testament Lessons: *Deuteronomy 9:12-21 and Psalm 90:1-4*

Gospel Lesson: *Mark 8:31-37*

Sermon

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

*Responsive Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering and Offertory

*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...)

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The Celebration of Communion

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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 may be served at your seat. The elements of grace are bread, non-gluten wafers, and non-alcoholic grape juice.

*Closing Hymn: *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling*

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*Benediction

“**” indicates congregation standing, if able.

GREETERS

February—Lynn Bayley

March—Pat Webb

ACOLYTES

March 4—Logan Custer

March 11—Graham Weaver

USHERS

March 4—Men

March 11—Youth

NURSERY

March 4—Sherri Krauss

March 11—Cindy Jamison

Monday (7 pm) Choir! Come sing, fellowship, laugh, and love!

Sunday (9 am) Doughnuts and Devotions! Come for fun, learning, and great fellowship!

Prayer Requests

February 25—Richard Myers and family, Jimmy Holt and family, Ronnie and Sue Bernard, Kelly Moran, Joyce Sledd and family, Eva Woolridge, Carolyn Drew and Darlene Drew, B.L. Furrow, Family of Jimmy Sink, Pat Webb, Peggy Smithers (Joyce Guilliams' mom)

February 18—Eva Woolridge (at SpringTree Rehab), Joyce Sledd, Jimmy Holt (Laura Weaver's cousin), Shirley (Danny Guilliams' friend's mom), Families who are grieving, Thelma Hardy (Sherri's grandmother now in care facility in Vinton), Andrew Snead, Cheryl Hodges (friend of Sherri Krauss)

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers (see the prayer list), our presence, our gifts, our service (see announcements) and our witness (all you do and who you are.)” We are thankful that you have blessed Highland United Methodist Church with your presence and your gifts:

2/18/17 68 Present for Worship and \$1,547 received in gifts

2/25/17 56 Present for Worship and \$1,288 received in gifts

