

# Highland United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 34, Callaway, VA 24067

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July 15, 2018

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Congregational Introit: “This is the Day”

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\*Call to Worship

Leader: Who am I? Who are you?

**People: Loved by Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Adopted into Jesus’ family.

**People: Forgiven and abundantly freed.**

Leader: What is my purpose in life? What is your purpose in life?

**People: Live for the praise of God’s glory.**

*(From Ephesians 1:1-14, The Message Translation and NRSV)*

\*Opening Hymn *Spirit of the Living God*

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\*Opening Prayer

**God, help us hear your good news for our lives and world. Open our hearts to receive your blessing and return the blessing. May your presence and power convict, comfort, and call us. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: *Ephesians 1:1-14, The Message Translation*

*I, Paul, am under God’s plan as an apostle, a special agent of Christ Jesus, writing to you faithful believers in New Hope and Highland. I greet you with the grace and peace poured into our lives by God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.*

*How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he*

*had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.*

*Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we’re a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.*

*It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.*

*It’s in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what’s coming, a reminder that we’ll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.*

Sermon

Rev. Amy Pannell

\*Responsive Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life*

UMH # 600

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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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\*Closing Hymn: *Take My Life*

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\*Benediction

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“\*” indicates congregation standing, if able

*Welcome! If this is your first time today, thank you for being here! You are a gift to us and to God. Highland United Methodist Church is part of the Callaway Cooperative Parish, with New Hope United Methodist Church. If you would like to know more about Jesus Christ and Highland, please contact Rev. Amy Pannell: (540) 694-9759 (cell) and (540) 483-1053 (parsonage) and AmyPannell@vaumc.org*

**GREETERS**

July—Fred Guilliams  
August—?

**ACOLYTES**

July 15—Zoey Guilliams  
July 22—Emma McPherson

**USHERS**

July 15—Youth  
July 22—Men

**Prayer Requests**

*July 8*—Wayne, Marie, Anthony, Steven Stanley and family, Kenny and Jean Bernard and family, Sheldon and Barbara Mankes, Chuck and Dawn Hall, Alan and Pam Messenger, Joyce Sledd and family, Hannah, Sarah, and Jared Jamison traveling, Georgia (caregiver with Joyce and Benny), Annette Saul and family, Lori Agee, Isaiah Bernard, General Conference of the UMC Feb. 23-26, 2019

*July 1*—Pam Messenger, Annette Saul, Kenny and Jean Bernard, Summer School, Tommy Lee Furrow, Dawn Hall, Shelby Nemeth, Tricia Custer, Family of Mary Jane (Vickie’s friend), Wesley (Carol Jane’s brother), Hannah, Sarah, and Jared Jamison traveling, Nicki Sigmon (Kenny Bernard’s friend), Mike Broomhall (Mitch Webb’s friend), Joyce Sledd

***Please write down these names shared in worship so that together we can pray.***

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**Lynn Bayley** has a new phone number: 540-420-0002.

**MONDAY! (10 a.m. ) Experience the Henry Fork Center!** Meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. if you would like a ride. (71 Sandridge Road, Rocky Mount, VA) Henry Fork Center’s purpose is to “make God’s love visible in the Henry Fork Community by being a positive Christian presence.” The Rev. Lisa Nichols, the director, will be giving a tour and offering a program about what they do at the Center. Afterwards, all invited to enjoy lunch together. Want to know more or have questions? Contact Barbara Guilliams at 483-1723.

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:  
5/27/18 63 Present for Worship and \$ 3,949 received in gifts  
6/3/18 69 Present for Worship and \$ 2,694 received in gifts