

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn #429 (Verses 1, 2, 5)

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*Benediction

*Closing Response

#2166

**Christ beside me, Christ before me;
Christ behind me - King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.**

Postlude



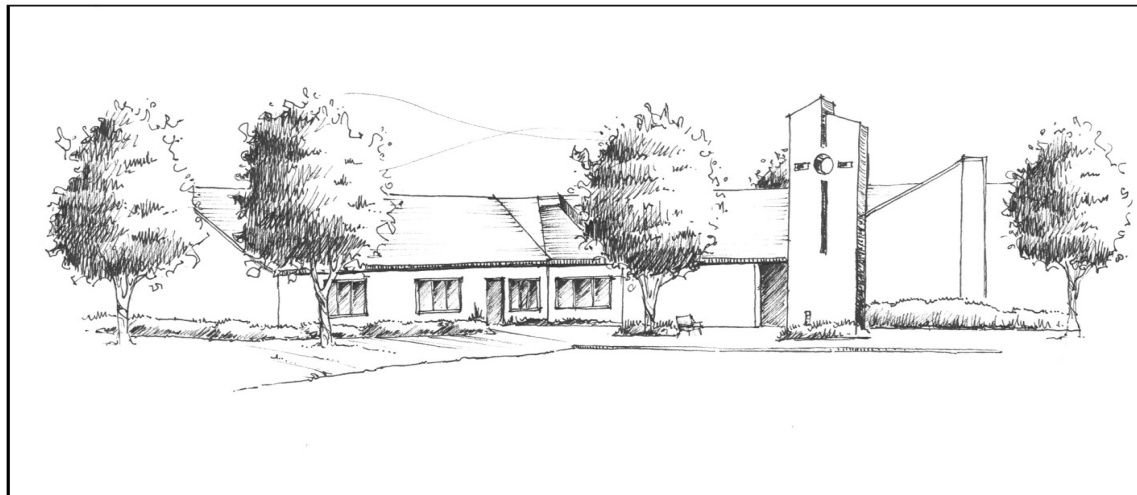
Congratulations Confirmands

Ben Kofete

Whitney Nikwetiym

Please join us in the Family Room for fellowship and refreshments.

Reverend Botts' sermons may be read online at highlands-presbyterian.org.



Highlands Presbyterian Church

June 17, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Thought for the Day: "Very little is needed to make a happy life. It is all within yourself, in your way of thinking." (Marcus Aurelius)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: At the dawn of the morning you are with us, O God.

All: Fill us with hope and give us vision for the day.

One: In the heat of the afternoon you are with us, O God.

All: Strengthen us when the way becomes difficult.

One: In the cool of the evening you are with us, O God.

All: Call us to reflect on our day of service to you.

One: In our moments of worship you are with us, O God.

All: Lead us to the Christ who can show us the Way.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #267

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Prayer of Confession (spoken and silent)

O God, we admit that too often we live on the surface of life. We are afraid of the depths, though we try to hide many things far inside us. We are bothered by the knowledge that we have hurt others by our selfish acts. We are saddened that we have failed to respond to situations where we might have made a difference. Hear now our prayer for forgiveness, O Lord. (We pray our silent prayers of confession.) Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Though our lives are often a trail of sins, God's love continues to reach out to us in acceptance. We are restored to wholeness because the Lord cares and forgives. Thanks be to God!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Please stand as you are able.

**Our Response*

#345 Adapted

**Dear Lord, Creator good and kind, forgive our foolish ways;
Restore in us a purer mind, in truer lives your service find,
With voices joined in praise.**

**Passing the Peace*

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ, let us forgive and greet one another...the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Welcome to Our Confirmands

Renunciations and Professions

Unison Prayer

O God, we are grateful that you have called us to be a serving people, and for gathering us into the Church, the body of Christ. We thank you for adding to our number this sister and this brother in faith. Together may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we will always carry the spirit of Jesus our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

The children may leave for Sunday School.

Prayer for Illumination

Ben Kofete

First Reading

Isaiah 43:15, 18-21

Whitney Nikwetiym

Second Reading

Philippians 3:13-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Moving Ahead in Life"

Rev. Ronald Botts

**Hymn #244*

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**Our Affirmation of Faith*

from the Church of South India

The Church is the Servant of God to carry on the mission rooted in Jesus Christ based on the Scriptures. The Church through her mission expresses solidarity with the broken communities for a new hope to face the challenges of life. The Cross continues to be the sign of hope for the witnessing Church, which strives towards Unity, Peace and Reconciliation as a vibrant Channel of God.

Bringing Our Gifts

Offertory

"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Jim Rennie/Kathy Isern

**Doxology*

#88 Adapted

**All glory, praise, and honor to you, O God, we bring.
We raise our song before you and let our voices ring!
To you before all others our offerings we present;
And gladly share our bounty, fulfilling your intent.**

**Prayer of Dedication*

We bring forth and dedicate these gifts, O God, to the doing of your work in the world. We remember as we give that everything we have, and are, comes first from you. Amen.

Call to Prayer

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 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.