

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn #429 (Vs. 1,2,5) "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*Benediction

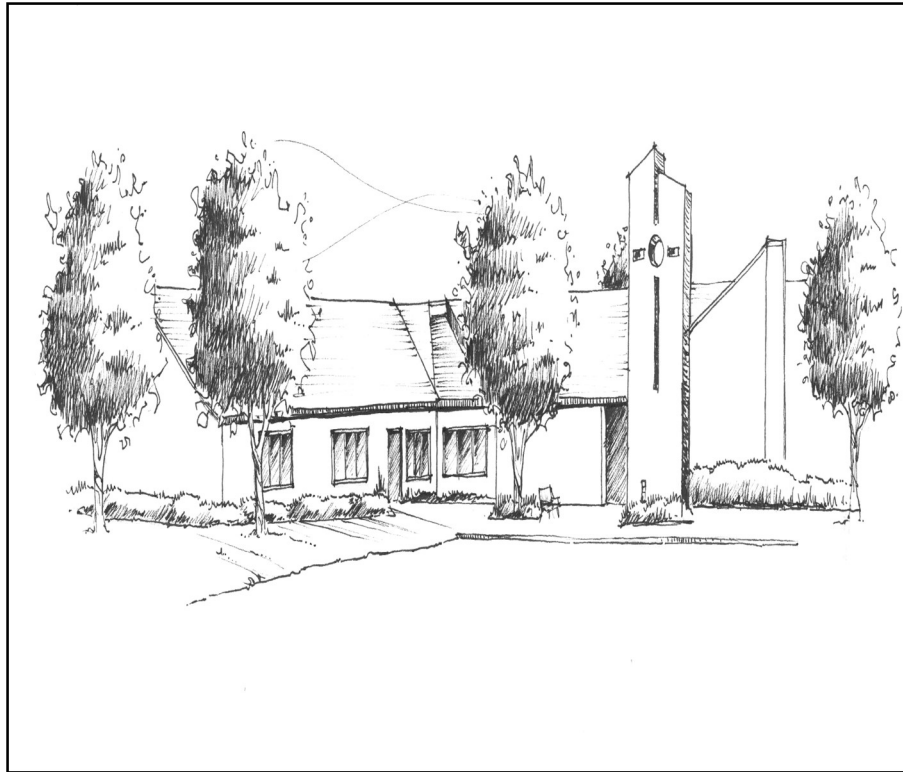
*Closing Response

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

Tune of #335

Postlude

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



Growing in Faith, Knowing Christ's Teaching, Showing God's Love
Highlands Presbyterian Church, May 28, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
7th Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend

Thought for the Day: "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." (*Arthur Ashe*)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God. What do we bring here?

All: We bring our bodies and spirits, broken and in need of healing.

One: What do we bring to God?

All: We bring our dreams and hopes, longing to be fulfilled.

One: What do we bring to God?

All: We bring our gratitude and praise, waiting to be expressed.

One: What do we bring to God?

All: We bring our gifts and ourselves, ready to be shared.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer of Confession

(spoken and silent)

Lord, we confess that we forget too quickly the words we say, and pray, and sing in times of worship. Strengthen our resolve that we may remain connected to you at all times and in all places. Let our affirmations direct the course of our days and allow your assurances to comfort us in moments of challenge. Forgive us, O God, that our forgetfulness may grow into new awareness.

(We pray our silent prayers of confession) Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are made whole once again.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Our Response

#555 Adapted

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our youthful days, has blessed us on our way
With countless mercies shown, and still does so today.**

**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

A Reflection and Prayer for Memorial Day

Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! While God is marching on.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading II Corinthians 13:5-13

Second Reading Matthew 28:16-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Parting Words"

Rev. Ronald Botts

**Hymn #386*

"O for a World"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**Our Affirmation of Faith*

from a Mennonite Confession of Faith

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, who has called forth a people of faith. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh, crucified and exalted for our sake who is our Savior, our peace, and the Lord of the Church. We believe in the Holy Spirit, sent to be the source of our redemption and life. To God be all the glory!

Bringing Our Gifts

Offertory

**Doxology*

#229

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Dedication*

We give, O God, because of your generosity to us. We share because Jesus showed that this is your will for us. In faithfulness we would be good stewards of our resources, so they might serve both us and others. Now bless your people and what we bring, for everything is offered to your glory. 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.