

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.

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn #2221 (1, 2, 4)

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

*Benediction

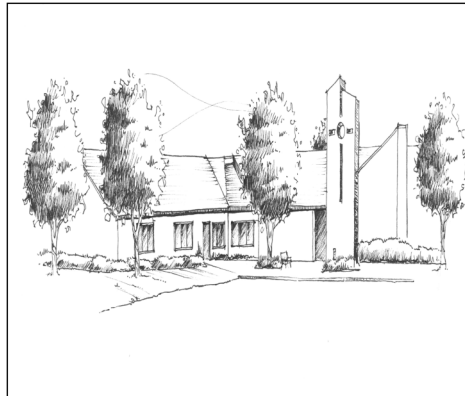
*Closing Response

#439 Adapted

**Join hands disciples of the faith,
What e're our race may be.
All people of the Living God
Are surely kin to me!**

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, July 23, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Thought for the Day: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."
(Eleanor Roosevelt)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our shepherd

All: We shall not be in want

One: The Lord leads us beside still waters

All: We are led in the right pathways

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

All: Directing us through all our days

One: And we shall dwell forever more

All: Secure in the house of our Lord

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #174

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Prayer of Confession

(spoken and silent)

You have given us so much, O God, and we have failed to thank you. We have envied the gifts of others, and wished for what they have. We have eaten our food without tasting it, and worn our clothes without noticing them. We have used the resources of the earth, without thought to squandering them. Help us to live with greater awareness of all we have, and forgive us our lack of gratitude.

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

**Indicates to stand as you are able.*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Assurance of Pardon

One: God knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of new life as forgiven people. Receive the good news of the Gospel and remember this gift of amazing grace.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 23

Second Reading

John 10:22-27

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Old Imagery or Bold Imagery?"

Rev. Ronald Botts

**Hymn #335*

"Though I May Speak"

**Our Affirmation of Faith*

Adapted from Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away, the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

Bringing Our Gifts

Offertory

**Doxology*

#591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**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