

**Prayer of Dedication*

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. 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.

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

**Hymn #339*

"Be Thou My Vision"

**Benediction*

**Closing Response*

#561 (verse 4)

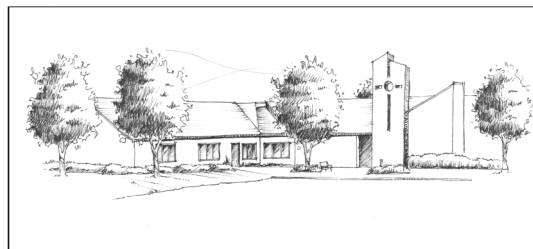
**Our parents' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.**

Postlude

Variations on "America"

Charles Ives

Please join us after the service in the family room for fellowship and refreshments.



Highlands Presbyterian Church

November 11, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Consecration Sunday

Veterans Day Celebration

Thought for the Day: "A Christian can be a very good patriot and a very good Christian at the same time." (David Jensen paraphrasing Friedrich Schleiermacher)

Welcome and Announcements

A Moment for Stewardship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

"Prelude on Song 13"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Litany for Veterans Day

One: Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms to prevail.

For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

All: We ask your blessing.

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

All: We ask your blessing.

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went into harm's way, never to return,

All: We ask your blessing.

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

All: We ask your blessing.

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

All: We ask your blessing.

**Please stand as you are able.*

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't fit in with their families or communities anymore,

All: We ask your blessing.

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace, that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

**Hymn* "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Insert

The children may leave for Sunday school.

Prayer of Confession (spoken and silent)

Far be it from us that we should forsake you, O Lord, to serve other gods. Yet, we confess our allegiance is not what it should be. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, yet we do not always trust you to hear of our needs. You protected them all along their journey; yet we wonder if you hear us when we cry to you. We hear that you are a jealous God and will not forgive our transgressions or our sins, yet we are bold to lay them before you. Have mercy upon us and offer us your grace. (We pray our silent prayers of confession.) Amen. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: As Joshua tells the Israelites, our God is a holy and jealous God. But the psalmist reminds us that God is also compassionate and gracious. "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Believe the good news of the gospel!

All: We are forgiven.

**Our Response* #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

**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 Matthew 6:19-21

Second Reading John 14:6b; 10:1,9a

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Patriotism Versus Nationalism" Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Bringing Forward Our 2019 Gifts of Gratitude to God

**Hymn #391* "Take My Life"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**Our Affirmation of Faith* from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*
Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. (I Corinthians 1:30)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords— areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

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.**