

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Benediction

*Closing Response

**Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
With you began, with you shall end the day.
Guard now our lips from sin, our hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name.**

#539 Adapted

Postlude

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

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



**Growing in Faith, Knowing Christ's Teaching, Showing God's Love
Highlands Presbyterian Church, June 25, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever." (Margaret Cho)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God is the giver of life, loving us into form and being.

All: Let us worship the Lord of all creation.

One: Christ is the giver of hope, showing us how to live in community.

All: Let us share our faith and lives with each other.

One: The Spirit is the giver of strength, enabling us to act with courage.

All: Let us seek to be faithful to our calling.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

[adapted]

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I look at the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and winds do blow,
The force of nature shown;
While all that has its life from you
Is ever in your care,
And everywhere that we might be,
Our God is present there.

Prayer of Confession (spoken and silent)

O God, we often forget that we are one in the spirit and that it is our differences which enrich us. We so readily put others into categories that ultimately divide and limit our relationships. Help us to remember that, through Christ, we are truly united. Forgive us our fragmentation and bring us to a new awareness of life together. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's promise to us through Jesus is that each day can be a new beginning. The sins of yesterday may not be forgotten, but they are forgiven. Therefore, be joyful in the newness of your life today and in hope for tomorrow.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Our Response*

#276 Adapted

**Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed my God has provided;
Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**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

Psalms 145:13b-19

Second Reading

John 13:31-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Glue for a Fragmented World"

Rev. Ronald Botts

**Hymn #386*

"O for a World"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**Our Affirmation of Faith*

from Colossians 1

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven.

Bringing Our Gifts

Offertory

**Doxology*

#554 Adapted

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise!
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
The songs of our hearts are now lifted as praise.**

**Prayer of Dedication*

O Lord, from you we have received and to you we give. These gifts we bring now as a response to your love. Bless this money that it might further your work, both within our congregation and in the wider ministries of the church. 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.