

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 #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

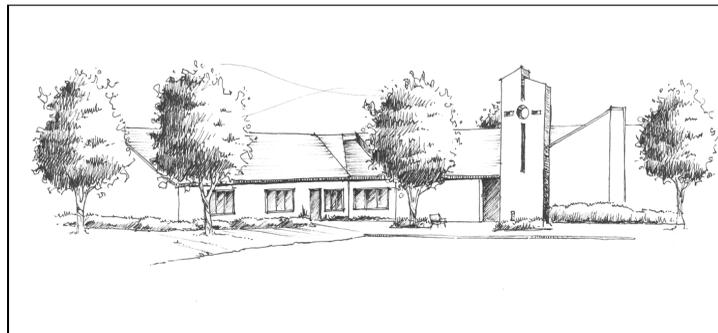
\*Benediction

\*Closing Response #438 (verse 3)

**We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.**

Postlude "Jesus is King" Dick Torrans

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



**Highlands Presbyterian Church  
February 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Thought for the Day:** "The Great Sermon [on the Plain] sets out for the Christian an ethic of Christian discipleship that is contrary to the way of the world. To take the beatitudes seriously is to go against the grain of the world, to ride against the tide." (Howard K. Gregory)

*Welcome and Announcements*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude "Canzona" Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship*

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,  
**All: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**  
One: When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God, we are like a tree planted by water.  
**All: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

*Opening Prayer*

\*Hymn #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*The children may leave for Sunday school.*

*Prayer of Confession (spoken and silent)*

**Forgive our vain repetitions, O God of mercy, for our deeds do not match our words of belief. We mouth pious slogans but fail to correct injustice. We claim to be righteous, while practicing bigotry and rejecting others. We glory in your gifts that bring success and comfort, yet we deny neighbors their right to prosper. Help us to confess Christ risen for all people, and forgive our failure to translate faith into action. (We pray our silent prayers of confession.) Amen. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Assurance of Pardon*

One: Because Christ is risen from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

**All: Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.**

*\*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* Luke 12:15-34

*Second Reading* Luke 6:17-26

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

"Woe to the Comfortable"  
The Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

*\*Hymn #414*

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

*\*Our Affirmation of Faith*

**The sins forbidden in the Eighth Commandment besides the neglect of duties required, are: theft, robbery, man-stealing, and receiving anything that is stolen; fraudulent dealing, false weights and measures, removing landmarks, injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man, or in matters of trust; oppression, extortion, usury, bribery, vexatious lawsuits, unjust enclosures and depopulations; engrossing commodities to enhance the price, unlawful callings, and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbor what belongs to him, or of enriching ourselves; covetousness, inordinate prizing and affecting worldly goods; distrustful and distracting cares and studies in getting, keeping, and using them; envying at the prosperity of others; as likewise idleness, prodigality, wasteful gaming, and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate; and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God hath given us.**

*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*

**Gracious and generous God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy, and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have so freely given to us. Receive, we pray, the offerings of our hearts and lives, that your name may be hallowed, your gospel proclaimed, and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**