

## DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*\*Hymn*

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the cats and the dogs in His hands,  
He's got the cats and the dogs in His hands,  
He's got the cats and the dogs in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the birds and the fish in His hands,  
He's got the rabbits and the reptiles in His hands,  
He's got the big and the little in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everything here in His hands,  
He's got everything there in His hands,  
He's got everything everywhere in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

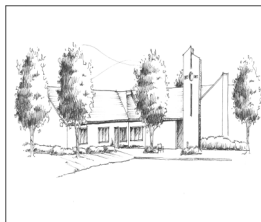
*\*Benediction*

*\*Closing Response*

*Adapted, Tune of #447*

**O Lord you are the maker of all things near and far;  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread!**

*Postlude*



**Growing in Faith, Knowing Christ's Teaching, Showing God's Love**  
**Highlands Presbyterian Church, August 20, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Pet Sunday

**Thought for the Day:** "Until one has loved an animal a part of one's soul remains unawakened." (Anatole France)

*Welcome and Announcements*

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

One: Lord, we gather remembering all creatures in the circle of life.

**All: We celebrate the breadth and variety of your creation.**

One: We join voices worldwide who proclaim your great diversity.

**All: We ask your blessing now on those animals we love.**

One: In the name of God, who initiates and creates all life on earth,

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life,**

One: In the name of the Spirit, who renews all life and makes it whole,

**All: Shalom! May your blessings come upon all the world.**

*Opening Prayer*

*\*Hymn #455 (vs 1,2,3,6)*

"All Creatures of Our God"

[Adapted]

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| 1. All creatures of our God now sing,<br>Lift up your voice with praise to bring,<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>O burning sun with golden beam,<br>O silver moon with softer gleam,<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!     | 3. O flowing water, pure and clear,<br>Make music for your God to hear,<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>O fire so masterful and bright,<br>That gives to us both warmth and light,<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!          |
| 2. O rushing wind that is so strong,<br>You clouds that sail in heaven along,<br>O sing you! Alleluia!<br>O rising morn, in praise rejoice,<br>You lights of evening, find a voice!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 6. All creatures, your Creator bless,<br>And worship God in humbleness.<br>O sing you! Alleluia!<br>Praise, praise our Maker, praise the Son,<br>And praise the Spirit, Three in One!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |

*\*Indicates to stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Confession* (spoken and silent)

**Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals, we are sorry. Lord, for all the times we have destroyed habitat without thought of the consequences to the vulnerable, we are sorry. Lord, for all the times we have been indifferent to those creatures with which we share our planet, we are sorry. Forgive us, we pray, that our commitment to all of life might become stronger each day.**

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

*Assurance of Pardon*

One: God is love. Through Christ your sins are forgiven. Live your life knowing that you are forgiven, and deeply loved, by the One who made us all.

**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

*The Work of Sedona Grace*

Jill Cottone

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading*

Genesis 1:20-22, 2:19-20a

*Second Reading*

Genesis 7:1-9, 8:8-12

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

"The Blessing of Creation"

Rev. Ronald Botts

*\*Hymn #267*

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Pet Sunday Observance*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Bringing Our Gifts*

*Offertory*

*\*Doxology*

*#88 Adapted*

**All glory, praise, and honor to you, O God, we bring.  
We raise our song before you and let our voices ring!  
To you before all others our offerings we present;  
And gladly share our bounty, fulfilling your intent.**

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**Accept the offerings we bring today, O God. Receive these symbols of our love, for our lives are dedicated to your service. Use these gifts and us, we pray, to the end that your will be done on earth. 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.**