

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Morning Has Broken; I Will Call Upon the Lord;
10,000 Reasons; Blessed Assurance

Praise Team: Chris Pinelo, JR Brumley; Sally Osborn, AJ Allen, Neal Sterrett

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.
Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship
Youth Sunday School meets downstairs in the youth room.)*

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Calling on You; Pass it On

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 16:21-28

MESSAGE **From Followers to Witnesses** Rev. John W. Bowling
Peter

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Pass it On; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to Highland United Methodist! If you're looking for information about our church, you can probably find it and much more at highlandmethodist.com

We welcome all visitors today and kindly request you complete a "Connect Card" found either in the pew or by scanning this QR code. We would love to get to know you!



Please only use the small parking lot if you have *mobility issues*. Parking in Fort Thomas (even on Sunday mornings) can be challenging, but we want to make sure those that may have difficulty walking distances are able to easily access a nearby entry into the church. Thank you!



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**
Pat & Jeff Sidler
Your service is greatly appreciated!



The Flower arrangement on the Altar today was given by Chuck & Tember Smith In Honor of the Highland Church Family

PRELUDE Fantasy J.S. Bach
GREETING Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #155* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

MORNING LITANY

We are all disciples of today, yet Jesus did not call us to follow him that we could arrive somewhere safe and stay there. He called us to follow him so that we could give witness of the way of life for others.

We confess that following has sometimes been easier than witnessing; that we have sometimes loved the gathering more than the going. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hands. Open our mouths. Open our lives.

The disciples were ordinary people: afraid, uncertain, always full of questions—even when Jesus instructed: “You will be my witnesses.”

We are ordinary people. Sometimes we are afraid, uncertain, and full of questions. And Jesus is saying the same to us: “Be my witnesses!”

So we will not wait until we think we are ready.

We will not wait until we assume we have the perfect words, or wait until the fear has subsided.

Let us simply be resolved to “go,” to “do” and to “be” Christ’s witnesses in the world.

For we go as people who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good!

Lord, make us courageous witnesses:

In our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in the ordinary moments of our ordinary days.

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MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY The Lord’s My Shepherd Lynn Arthur Koch
DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM The Lord is My Shepherd Robert Nance

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HYMN #580* Lead On, O King Eternal

DISMISSAL BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE This Joyful Eastertide Lynn Arthur Koch
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Drive Thru Food Pantry

SUNDAYS, JUNE 14-AUGUST 16
6-7:30PM
314 N FORT THOMAS AVE.
FORT THOMAS, KY
ALL ARE WELCOME
highlandmethodist.com



Our youth group is so excited to lead a **drive-through food pantry** this summer, running June 14 through August 16. We're hoping to raise \$7,000 and also have a donation list to help us put together meal kits using a 4-week rotation. This is such a special, youth-led way to serve our community, and we'd truly appreciate any support—whether through donations, volunteering or simply helping

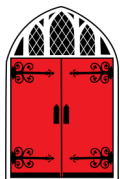
spread the word. Contact Madeline for more information, youth@highlandmethodist.com.



Graduation Sunday is coming up May 17 at Highland United Methodist Church and we want to make sure your graduate is recognized. If you have a loved one graduating high school, or any level of higher education, **please let us know by filling out the form at highlandmethodist.com, or by calling the church office.** We'll also celebrate with a special gift for our graduating high school seniors.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lars Whalen & Family—House Fire
- Mary Frances—Continued healing from broken femur
- Friends & Family with health problems
- Linda L—surgery
- Riley B—surgery
- Praise for healthy children & family
- Praise for learning & growing
- Praise for my church family

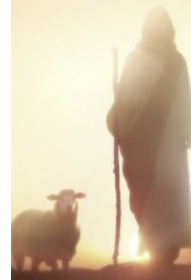


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Highland United Methodist Church

April 26, 2026 9:30am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

FROM FOLLOWERS TO WITNESSES



APRIL 26, 2026



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.



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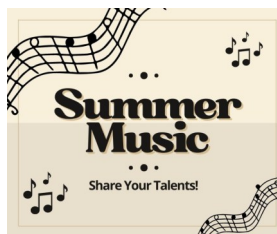
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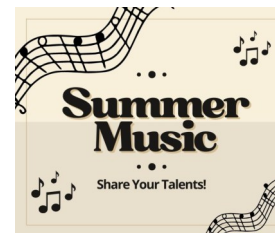
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