

PRELUDE

GREETING

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are hungry for hope and longing for grace.

We come to seek the goodness of the Lord.

In every season, God is faithful and near.

We trust in God’s unfailing love.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let us rejoice in God’s presence and offer our attention and praise!

HYMN #568*

Christ for the World We Sing

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM

To You, I Lift My Soul

Diane Hannibal

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 8:1-3

MESSAGE

From Followers to Witnesses

Rev. John W. Bowling

Mary Magdalene

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We praise You today, O God, for Jesus. We celebrate Your love as our bond to one another.

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of believers: loving what he loved, living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful witnesses.

In this meal we remember Jesus. We remember that on the night before he died— Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said:

“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,

“This is the new covenant. Remember me.”

We do remember.

We remember...and we celebrate: his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal together: put Your blessing, O God, on this bread and this cup; **The wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower.**

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see Your goodness; so that we would be renewed in communion with You and with one another.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN #435*

O God of Every Nation

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

**Join us next Sunday as we celebrate Mother’s Day together in worship!
We are honored to welcome Pastor Dom Guido as our guest preacher.
Invite your family and friends as we give thanks for the women who have shaped our lives in faith and love.**



The Flower arrangement on the Altar today was given by Karen Beymer In Honor of Jennifer & Jim Heindl’s 22nd Wedding Anniversary

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

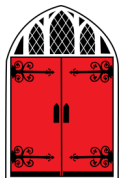
spread the word. Contact Madeline for more information, youth@highlandmethodist.com.



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

May 3, 2026 9:30am
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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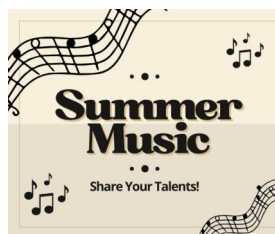
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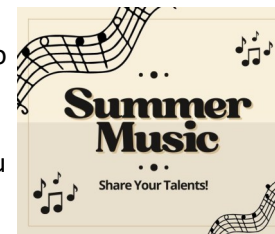
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