

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

I'll Fly Away; Praise; Be Still; O, How I Love Jesus;

Father, I Adore You

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Angelena Stephens, Jerry Pinnell,  
JR Brumley, Kaitlin Guenther, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn*

### DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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## GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING

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**Who was not the loudest or best known, yet when he discovered Jesus he brought his brother and changed the world with five simple words: "We have found the Messiah."**

Lord, give us Andrew's simple desire to introduce others to Jesus. And we also remember Peter:

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God, renew us like Peter. May our failures become a part of our testimony. And like Mary:

**Who stayed at the cross when others ran, who came to the tomb in the dark alone and when she heard the risen Christ speak her name became the first to carry the news that death had not won.**

Lord, give us Mary's courage. Make us willing to go and tell even when we are still trembling, and like the Beloved Disciple:

**Who followed with great devotion and dedication. He saw the folded cloth in the tomb and believed. He gave witness through his leadership and his letters.**

Lord, gift to all of us this very kind of endurance.

**Mighty God, we are seeking to follow Jesus. May our day-to-day living be a witness to Your faithfulness and the work of Jesus in the world.**

## MINISTRY OF GIVING

### OFFERING MUSIC

Testimony; You've Got a Friend

## SCRIPTURE

JOHN 13:22-25; 19:25-27; 20:22

## MESSAGE

**From a Follower to a Witness** Rev. John W. Bowling  
*The Beloved Disciple*

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; The Blessing

### BENEDICTION\*

\*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**  
**Karen Beymer & Ron Jump**  
Your service is greatly appreciated!

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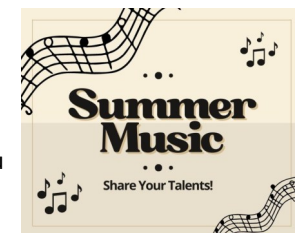
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**PRELUDE** Jesus I Live to Thee Austin Lovelace  
**GREETING** Rev. John W. Bowling  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**HYMN #170\*** O How I Love Jesus

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##### MORNING PRAYER

##### LORD’S PRAYER

##### MINISTRY OF GIVING

**OFFERTORY** Homage to Pachelbel Charles Callahan

**DOXOLOGY\***  
**ANTHEM** Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Mark Hayes  
**SCRIPTURE** JOHN 13:22-25; 19:25-27; 20:22  
**MESSAGE** **From a Follower to a Witness** Rev. John W. Bowling  
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**HYMN #381\*** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#### DISMISSAL BLESSING

#### CHORAL AMEN

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary G.F. Handel

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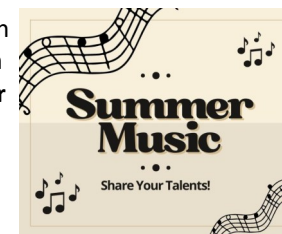
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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](mailto:youth@highlandmethodist.com).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School  
July 27-30

Highland United Methodist is excited to announce this year's **Vacation Bible School** theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge!

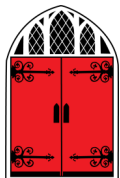
Children aged four to fifth grade are invited to join us **Monday, July 27th to Thursday, July 30th from 6—8pm.**

Register at [highlandmethodist.com](http://highlandmethodist.com) or by using the QR code.



### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lars Whalen & Family—House Fire
- Mary Frances—Continued healing from broken femur
- Linda L—surgery
- Riley B—surgery
- Bob J—Cancer
- Family of Nancy B & Jane S whose sister Dixie passed away on 5/6



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# Highland United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026 11:00am  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Ascension Sunday**



### 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.