

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

More Love, More Power; You Are So Good to Me;
Your Love Never Fails; You Say

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

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

Sound of Silence; Last Hope

SERMON

Summer Baggage
Depression & Despair

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WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Psalm 23; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.

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- Crisis Text Line: text 'HOME' to 741741
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 1-800-950-6264

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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!



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Circle 13 United Women in Faith invites the women of our church to complete a brief survey so we can better understand and support your faith and fellowship needs. Contact Karen Perce with questions (khp795@gmail.com). Please return completed surveys (online or hard copy) by August 2, 2026. Thank you!



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

PRELUDE	Fantasia	Pachelbel
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. John W. Bowling
CALL TO WORSHIP		
We gather this morning around one unshakeable truth: The story is not over. Not yours. Not ours. The God who spoke light into darkness is speaking still. Into this room. Into this morning. Into whatever may be weighing us down. So let us worship. Something good is happening here.		
HYMN #529*	How Firm a Foundation	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 (FROM ROMANS 8)		
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PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD'S PRAYER		
MINISTRY OF GIVING		
OFFERTORY	Cantique	Flor Peeters
DOXOLOGY*		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Amazing Grace Marty Malloy & Neal Sterrett	
MESSAGE	Summer Baggage Depression & Despair	Rev. John W. Bowling
HYMN #347*	Spirit Song	
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Fugue	Francois Roberday

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Each year, our Vacation Bible School chooses a mission project to help our kids make a difference in their community. We will be collecting items for the Youth Services Center in Newport, KY. Each



night during VBS you can drop off items in the sanctuary or in the collection box in the Welcome Center. Needed items include: chap stick, deodorant, lotion, earbuds, hand sanitizer, tissues, and feminine hygiene products, pens and pencils.



AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

General Fund YTD Income: \$275,687

General Fund YTD Expense: \$323,402

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$47,715)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$314,043

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Michelle W—healing
- Marisa C—health concerns
- Becky W—health concerns
- Megan—Cancer diagnosis
- Jim W—health concerns



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Highland United Methodist Church

July 26, 2026 9:30am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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.