

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTRODUCING: "I CAN DO THAT!"

Amy White

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

40; Lead Me to the Cross; Step By Step; Still Rolling Stones;
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, JR Brumley, Kaitlin Guenther, Ron Jump, Sally Osborn

PREPARATION AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

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We did not earn our way into existence.

Everything we hold we hold as stewards not owners.

It was never fully ours to begin with.

So we return a portion today

Not out of obligation

But out of gratitude.

So receive our offering Lord.

Use it for Your kingdom.

Use it in ways we cannot imagine to make a difference in the lives of others.

To Your glory.

Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC

Only Human; High Hopes

MESSAGE

Summer Baggage

Rev. John W. Bowling

Anger & Bitterness

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Peaceful Easy Feeling; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**

Amy & David Golden

Your service is greatly appreciated!

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PRELUDE Prelude Modal Jean Langlais

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HYMN #159* Lift High the Cross

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY Priere Jean Langlais

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Hymn Mashup
 Fran McKenney & Casey Monhollon

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HYMN #378* Amazing Grace

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POSTLUDE Pasticcio Jean Langlais

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



It's that time of year again! As students head back to school, we at Highland Methodist want to take time on Sunday, August 16 in both services to pray and bless their upcoming year of learning and growth. Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday and receive a gift from your church to start the school year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we head into the fall, we have a couple of **volunteer opportunities** we'd love your help with!

Monday Morning Prayer & Breakfast

We meet every Monday from **7:20–7:45 a.m.** (our volunteers arrive a few minutes early). We start the week with a short devotional, prayer, and breakfast together. It's become such a meaningful time, and our youth genuinely look forward to it each week. We're currently looking for both **leaders** and **feeders** to help make Monday mornings possible.

Sunday School Volunteers

Sunday School takes place during the **9:30 a.m. service**, and the youth head downstairs after the worship songs. Don't worry if you've never taught before! Curriculum and resources will be provided, making it a simple, fun, and rewarding way to serve. If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a great opportunity!

To volunteer contact Madeline at youth@highlandmethodist.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Michelle W—healing
- Marisa C—health concerns
- Ed H—health issues
- Paula—surgery
- Becky W—health concerns
- Megan—cancer diagnosis
- Jim W—health concerns
- Brian H—diabetes concerns
- Renee—cancer diagnosis
- AJ Allen—car accident



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Highland United Methodist Church

August 9, 2026 9:30am

Eleventh 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.