

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Beautiful Day; Praise; Transfiguration; You Say; Road to Zion

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Angelena Stephens,*

*Kaitlin Guenther, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn*

### DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Day in and day out, you and I travel on this winding road that is life.

**God led Abraham and Sarah from one land to another. He led Ruth and her daughters-in-law from Moab to Judah. Jesus traversed the cities, towns and villages in Judea and Galilee.**

The road is not always smooth and straight. Sometimes the road we travel is rough and full of turns.

**As life unfolds there is joy, delight, and laughter. As the years roll on, we acknowledge there is also disappointment and difficulty.**

Some of us are new in the faith and some of us have been traveling a long time. We celebrate the faithfulness of God today: that we do not ravel our way alone or in mere futility.

**We have confidence in this faith, knowing Jesus invites us to a new life in God's love and grace.**

Reveal Yourself to us in our worship today, O God, and in our daily living.

**May we have an assurance of not only Your presence, but of Your guidance:**

Through the teachings of Jesus and Your ever-present Spirit.

**And also through the witness and encouragement of those who traveled before us and alongside us even now.**

**Amen.**

### MINISTRY OF GIVING

#### OFFERING MUSIC

Remember The Cross  
Because He Lives

*Neal Sterrett, Marty Malloy, Bill Wagner*

Ricky Scaggs  
Celtic Worship

#### SCRIPTURE

I SAMUEL 23:7-23

#### MESSAGE

**Bumper Sticker Theology**  
*"Keep on Truckin'"*

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand; The Blessing

### BENEDICTION\*

\*Please stand as you are able.



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

**Katie Huber & Ron Jump**

Your service is greatly appreciated!



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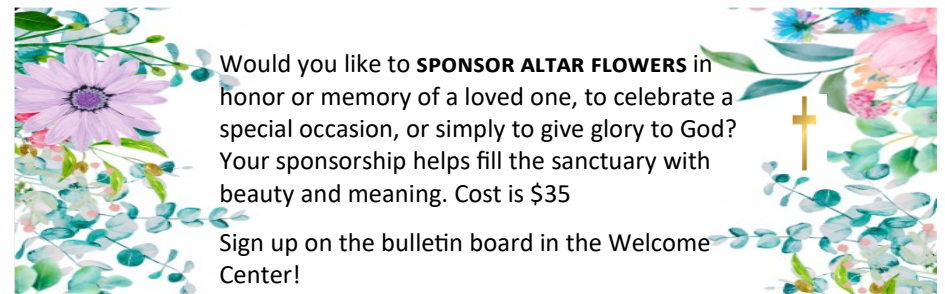
Parking in Fort Thomas (even on Sunday mornings) can be challenging, but we want to make sure those that may have difficulty walking distances are able to easily access a nearby entry into the church. Thank you!



Announcing *Witness: Faith in Practice*. How does our faith impact how we interact with a complex world? How does the United Methodist Church's teachings help us navigate complex societal issues? We'll explore these questions and more in our new Wednesday Night Study, *Witness*, beginning September 10 at 6:30 in room 109. RSVP on the website or app.



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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY LISA SAUER IN MEMORY OF PAT & BILL SAUER

**PRELUDE** When We Are Living Emma Lou Diemier

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**HYMN #374\*** Standing on the Promises

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** Children of the Heavenly Father Wayne Kerr

**DOXOLOGY\***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Remember The Cross Ricky Scaggs  
Because He Lives Celtic Worship  
*Neal Sterrett, Marty Malloy, Bill Wagner*

**SCRIPTURE** I SAMUEL 23:7-23

**MESSAGE** **Bumper Sticker Theology** Rev. John W. Bowling  
*"Keep on Truckin'"*

**HYMN #127\*** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE** Built On the Rock Ludvig Lindemann

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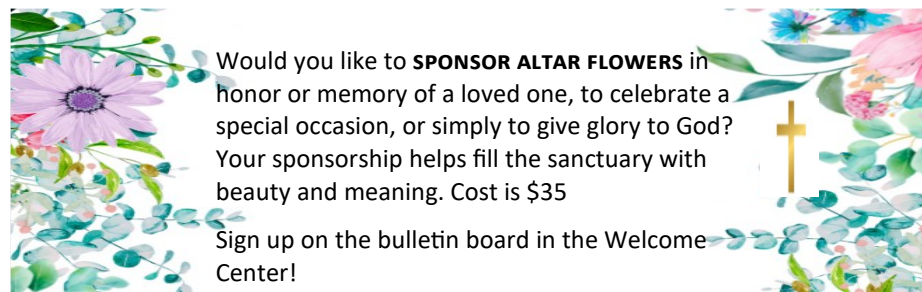
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Start each week off with prayer and donuts to help you navigate your way through the ups and downs. **Monday Morning Prayer is back** at 7:20 in the youth room. Enter through the little parking lot basement door. Contact Amy at 859-992-9420 with questions.

We are still seeking 1-2 adults to help lead during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Please contact Amy or the church office!



### AS OF JULY 31, 2025



General Fund YTD Income: \$295,566

General Fund YTD Expense: \$311,877

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$16,311)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$357,929

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Peggy—weakened heart
- Stephanie—biopsy & treatment plans
- Lynn E—recovery
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- Scott S—loss of vision
- Rhonda R—health issues
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo
- Laura C—loss of family members
- Vera P—health issues



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# Highland United Methodist Church

August 24, 2025 11:00am

## 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.