

## This Week At Highland



### Sunday, May 21

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am The Connection (Bradley Hall)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm VBS Volunteers Meeting  
4:15pm Highland Winds  
5:00pm UMYF  
5:00pm Highland Choir

### Monday, May 22

6:00pm Chin Community Music Classes  
7:00pm Toastmasters/NAMI/Pick Up Basketball

### Tuesday, May 23

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts  
UMW Circle 7 Book club  
8:00pm AA

### Wednesday, May 24

6:00pm Chin Community Music Classes  
7:30pm Connection Band Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 25

9:15am Tai Chi  
6:00pm Chin Community Music Classes  
6:30pm Star Twirlers  
7:30pm OA

### Friday, May 26

12:15pm Kiwanis Club  
6:00pm Chin Community Music Classes

### Saturday, May 27

8:00pm AA

**Mark your calendars as we celebrate and honor  
the ministries of Ann Chapman  
and The Rev. Harold Salmon  
with receptions in the Conference Room  
during the Sunday School Hour (9:45am)  
Ann's reception will be June 11th  
Harold's reception will be June 25th**

## Highland United Methodist Church

1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh NC 27607  
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May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship 8:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:45am Classes for All

**We are an inviting family of faith seeking to love,  
serve and share Christ in our community**

### ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

*We welcome our guests today. You honor us with your presence. We appreciate you turning all electronic devices to silent mode. All present are asked to sign the fellowship pad on each pew.*

*\*If you are able, please stand for this part of the service.*

PRELUDE *Orgelchoral* Pepping

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 105:1-6 Hymnal #828  
O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises!**

**Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**Seek the Lord and his strength;**

**Seek the Lord's presence continually!**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MINISTRY *"He Leadeth Me"* arr. Hansen  
Highland Choir, featuring Phoebe Ellison, clarinet

\*OPENING HYMN *"Lift High The Cross"* Hymnal #159

OPENING PRAYER

### PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Takahashi

\*THE PEACE

*Following ancient Christian practice, we greet one another, offering reminders of Christ's peace. Please greet those around you saying: "The peace of Christ be with you." And responding: "And also with you."*

### Support HSP by eating at Chick-fil-a!

Eat at Chick-fil-a on Lake Boone Trail (down the hill from the church) THIS TUESDAY May 23 from 5-8pm to help us raise money for camp. When you order, make sure to tell the cashier that you are with Highland Service Project.

### Attendance May 14, 2017

8:30am: 58 8:45am: 89 11:00am: 156 **Total: 303**

ACOLYTE: Kiyo Takahashi

CROSS BEARER: Jason Pendleton

AUDIO: Ken Schuster

STREAMING MINISTRY: Bill Babcock, Seth Troxler, HUMC Youth

LAY READERS: 8:30: Marilyn Mudge 11:00: Leah Moore

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Elizabeth Turner

11:00: Jane Gray

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30: Norman Childs

PASTOR: The Reverend Dr. Alan Swartz

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PASTOR: The Reverend Charlie Baber

MINISTER TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES: The Reverend Sarah Fletcher

MINISTER OF VISITATION: The Reverend Harold Salmon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Amy Takahashi

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jo Anne Swartz

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jeff Whicker

ORGANIST: Marcia Nance

DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS: Ann Pearce

EPISTLE READING           Pew Bible, New Testament, page 201  
Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE    *"His Name Is Wonderful"*           Hymnal #174  
His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He is a mighty King, master of everything;  
his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
almighty God is he; bow down before him,  
love and adore him, his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.

SERMON           Work of the People: *Called to Worship*  
The Rev. Charlie Baber

———— **RESPONSE** ————

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE    *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*           Hymnal # 419

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to the calls of peace;  
we despise the weak,  
and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*(Please offer silent confession.)*

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: God loves and forgives us, sending the Spirit to guide and sustain us with never-ending love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY       *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*           Powell

\*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*  
Hymnal #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING                           Hymnal pg.15

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION *Since we believe that Communion offers the chance for an encounter with God, all persons, including children, are invited to participate and receive the sacrament. When the bread is placed in your hand the server will say: "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." When the cup is offered to you the server will say: "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Each time you may respond by saying "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer for communion rather than bread, please let one of the servers know.*

———— **SENDING FORTH** ————

\*CLOSING HYMN    *"When We All Get To Heaven"*  
Hymnal #701

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE       *Toccata on Hymn to Joy*                   Long

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Kay & Bynum Driggers in loving memory of Kay's mother,  
Anne Freeman.*

**Please Note:**

***There will be a Charge Conference tonight at 7pm  
in the Conference room for the sole purpose of  
setting a compensation package for a Deacon position.***

**Vacation Bible School!**

**July 10-14, 2017 9:00 AM-Noon daily**

**All children ages 3 (as of 7/10/17 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed)  
are welcome!**

Please help us spread the word about this summer's Vacation Bible School. VBS is a great opportunity for us to share God's love with the children in our neighborhood. Please encourage your children, grandchildren and the kids down the street to be part of this super-fun week at Highland.

Registration links can be found at: [www.highlandumc.org](http://www.highlandumc.org).

**VBS Volunteers!**

We are in need of loving hearts and kind hands to help lead, guide and teach our children during Vacation Bible School. If you would be willing to give of your time to help our children and guests experience God's love please contact Amy Takahashi ([amy@highlandumc.org](mailto:amy@highlandumc.org)).

*There will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers on **Sunday, May 21 at 12:15 and again at 5:30**---please pick the time that works*

***best for you!** This will be an opportunity for us to go over the curriculum, craft projects, missions, schedules, etc. We will have plenty of time to share ideas and ask questions! All VBS volunteers (including youth) are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.*

**VBS Prep-Fest! June 27, 28, 29.** Our annual prep-fest will be held two weeks before VBS this year (so we can all relax on July 4).

We will work from 9-12 on Tuesday, and 9-3 on Wednesday and Thursday. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday---but please bring a sack-lunch for Thursday. At Prep-Fest we will be preparing the craft materials and decorations of VBS. It is always a lot of fun—for the adult and youth helpers. We sometimes have child-care for younger children---but please check to see before bringing the little ones with you to Prep Fest.

**Summer Sunday School! Sundays June 4-August 20 9:45am**

During the summer months, we combine our elementary Sunday School classes into one great big experience. We gather in the Assembly Room to work on individual and group projects. We have a Bible story each week and sometime we have skits and drama—other times we have art projects or games---lots of different way to hear, experience, and learn the Bible stories.

During the summer months we try to give the folks who have been teaching Sunday School from September through May a break. ---This means we need volunteers! If you have a child who participates in Sunday school---please sign up to help on one or two or three Sundays. If you have don't have a child in Sunday School---don't let that stop you! You can still sign-up for help. Follow this link for the sign-up page: <http://tinyurl.com/kmbume8>