



# Welcome to Highland Hills Baptist Church!

Whether this is your first time or you're here every Sunday, thank you for worshipping with us at Highland Hills this morning. We are a diverse fellowship and believe that the Body of Christ and the world are better when we are transformed together. We don't claim to have all the answers, but offer a space for holy wrestling. At Highland Hills, everyone is welcomed to come and encounter God, and that includes you.

If you're new here, please help us get to know you better by filling out one of the guest cards found in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by.

## Children's Ministry

A few notes for our families with children: First, we are so glad you are here! While children five and under may play and explore downstairs in our children's classrooms, older children are invited to experience the worship service alongside their families. Children's bulletins are available in the foyer and the right-side entrance to the sanctuary. Quiet toys and fidgets are also available in the right-side hallway in our resource corner. Please return them after the service so they will be available next week.

## Hearing Devices

If you are interested, hearing devices are available in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth.

## How to Join Highland Hills

Church membership at Highland Hills is more than joining a list, it is a commitment to be a part of our faith community. It is a sacred act of being willing to be together, care for one another, and to serve alongside each other. We believe that our faith is enriched and strengthened in the messiness of community. To learn more about joining Highland Hills, please speak to one of our ministers or deacons.



# Opportunities This Week

### Tuesday, June 30

- 8:30am Lectionary Breakfast

### Thursday, July 2

- Office Closed in Observance of Fourth of July

### Sunday, July 5

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship/Rev. Caitlin Childers Brown, preaching

*There will be no Wednesday night activities during the month of July.*

**Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Browne**

## HAPPENING AT

# Highland Hills

### Everyone Can Create! Today at 3 p.m. In the Youth Room

Everyone is invited to join in on an afternoon of creating! Each family or individual will be able to assemble and paint a birdhouse that can be put in your yard.

### Book Club: Silence by Shusaku Endo - New Date Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. Reckon Coffee Bar

"*Silence* is one of my all-time favorites. Endo's work will leave you with deep questions of what it means to follow Christ and about the presence of God in our suffering. Read the book and ask big questions with me!" -Pastor Caitlin

### Painting Week July 20 - 23, at 9 a.m.

Come help freshen up the Youth Room with a new coat of paint! For more information, contact the church office.

### Book Club: Lying Awake by Mark Salzman Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m. Reckon Coffee Bar

"What if the very thing that makes you feel close to God is also hurting you? This short novel is about the choices we make, and how we find God in those choices. If you have questions about prayer and finding God in prayer, Sister John is a good companion." -Pastor Caitlin

### Worship in the Great Room Sundays in July at 11 a.m.

For the month of July our Sunday morning services will be held in the Great Room. Our services will include a new way to engage with communion and music covering Southern Gospel, American Spirituals, and Revival Meeting hymns. Join us as we experiment with music and location to experience God in a new light this summer.

**Caitlin Childers Brown**  
Pastor and Minister of Service & Community

**Ethan Brown**  
Pastor and Minister of Care & Discipleship

**Gerald Carper**  
Organist

**Jackie Brettschneider**  
Organ Intern

**Rich Kosowski**  
Director of Music and Worship

**Cameron Schroeder**  
Church Secretary  
Ministry Associate

**Janice Vaughn**  
Finance Manager

**Christy Price**  
Childcare Coordinator

**Charles Barton**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**Brenda Anthony**  
Custodian

**Dominique Hayes**  
Custodian

## The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Children's Peace Monument, Hiroshima | Photo by Carson Foushee



# The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Eleven O'clock

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude | "How Great Thou Art" Janet Linker

The Call to Worship Matt Smith

We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

**Come, let us worship!**

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship Ethan Brown

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*The Hymn of Praise 337 LAUDA ANIMA

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

A Reading from the Psalms | Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Kam Cook

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.*

*I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

*You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;*

*I have sworn to my servant David:*

*"I will establish your descendants forever*

*and build your throne for all generations."*

*Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;*

*they exult in your name all day long*

*and extol your righteousness.*

*For you are the glory of their strength;*

*by your favor our horn is exalted.*

*For our shield belongs to the Lord,*

*our king to the Holy One of Israel.*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

The Children's Message Caitlin Childers Brown & Carson Foushee

The Moment of Silence Emily Brumley

*"I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It was very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about."*

*-attributed to Toyohiko Kagawa*

\*The Hymn of Offering 646 CAMACH  
"Teach Me Your Way"

\*The Prayer of Giving Jennifer Browne

The Offertory | "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Herbert Colvin

\*The Doxology 706 OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

A Reading from the Old Testament | Carson Foushee  
Esther 4:5-14

*Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.*

*Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

The Solo | "Mothering God" Tom Trenney

Rich Kosowski, tenor

*Mothering God,  
you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ,  
you took my form, offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.*

*Mothering Spirit,  
nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.*

The Message | *For Such a Time as This* Carson Foushee

\*The Hymn of Response 490 HENDON  
"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

The Opportunities for Service Caitlin Childers Brown

The Organ Postlude | "Hymn to Joy" Albert Travis

The Benediction Carson Foushee



## Worship Notes

### Welcome Carson Foushee

We are grateful to have Carson Foushee with us this morning. Carson and his wife, Laura, serve in Kanazawa, Japan with its international community. Since 2013, they have served in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention in local congregations in Kanazawa as well as in Tokyo. The Foushees seek to be Christlike neighbors as they offer their gifts in word and deed to share Jesus' love with their local church and the wider community. The Foushees serve alongside Kanazawa Baptist Church to meet the physical and spiritual needs of internationals in their city and prefecture. Internationals account for just two percent of the overall Japanese population and thus are often isolated and under-resourced. With an understanding of the minority experience in Japan, the Foushees believe the Church can become a place to welcome foreign residents so that they too can live full and healthy lives in a nation they call home.