



HIGHLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

A Place for Families to Grow

The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 28, 2024

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude

"Aria"

George F. Handel

The Call to Worship

Surelle Pinkston

We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

For what can we hope?

We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. Amen.

The Invocation

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Welcome to Worship

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

A Reading from the New Testament

Luke 11:1-4

Jim Netherton

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Moment of Silence

Caitlin Childers Brown

"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

-Karl Barth

*The Hymn of Offering 382

"Our Father God, Who Art in Heaven"

MORNING SONG

*The Prayer of Giving

Mark Spivey

The Offertory

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Glenn Medlock

*The Doxology 706

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

The Anthem

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

Trad. Spiritual,
arr. Rosephayne Powell

A Reading from the New Testament

Romans 8:14-27

Ethan Brown

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very

Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Message	<i>Kingdom Prayer</i>	Ethan Brown
*The Hymn of Response 41	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	WELLESLEY
The Opportunities for Service		Caitlin Childers Brown
The Organ Postlude	"Awake My Heart with Gladness"	Flor Peeters
The Benediction		Ethan Brown



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