

leadership

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Worship

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CARE GROUPS

Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

Lafayette

Andy & Amy Bennett
2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm
973-886-4679

Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter
June 14th • 7pm
201-230-7372

Branchville/Newton

Ray & Kerry Westpy
1st and 3rd Fridays
862-266-8699

Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner
Marc & Stacey Bray
2nd Sunday • 3pm
973-477-9340



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Psalm

WORSHIP IN

REAL LIFE



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

JUNE 30, 2019

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

kingdom kids

We encourage you to worship as a family, however we provide nursery care [infants - 2.5 yrs] if desired. Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Explorers	Newborn - 2.5 yrs
Discoverers	2.5 yrs - 3 yrs
Adventurers	Pre-K [4yrs] and Kindergarten
Navigators	Grades 1-5

We are always looking for help in Kingdom Kids. See Alyssa or Kim today to find out how you can help!

calendar

- Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- **20Somethings - Bible Study at Deming's - TONIGHT - 6:30pm**
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm: VOLUNTEERS needed.
- Ladies Shoot and Swim - Saturday, July 13th 10:00am-12:30pm at Leuzarder's
- Biblical Nutrition Class - starts Sunday, July 14th - sign up at Welcome Table
- Sussex County Church Tent at the NJ State Fair! Info meeting, Wed, July 17th, 7pm at HBC
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 25th - see Pastor Mike if you are interested in being baptized
- Fall Kick-Off Picnic - Sunday, September 8th, after service
- Fall ABF Series - Biblical Finances starting Sunday, September 16th

finances

General Offering - May '19	\$22,998.93
Designated Gifts - May '19	\$-
YTD General Offering thru May '19	\$98,629.48
YTD Budget	\$113,089.34

worship guide

June 30, 2019

WELCOME! Our passage today is from Psalm 14. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”

[Romans 3:21-24 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- Consider atheism. Perhaps you are someone you know is an atheist. How is this position sustainable? What do you think most atheists base their position on?
- What other reasons have you heard for denying God’s existence?
- Does denying God’s existence give us an excuse for the sin that we all have?
- Why should Christians care about justice? How does that relate to the mission of the church?
- How is the certainty of God’s deliverance in Jesus an encouragement in hard times?

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All Creatures of Our God and King | Lord Most High |
O Great God | O Fount of Love | Cornerstone

sermon notes

June 30, 2019

PSALM 14

There Is No God?

1. Foolish [14:1-3; Romans 1:20-21; 3:10-12]

Every human is in need of salvation.

2. God the Defender [14:4-6]

God will save His people.

3. Zion's Hope [14:7; Romans 3:21-24]

Big Idea: God's salvation comes through God's Son.