

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**WHERE:** Vernon/565  
**WHEN:** First Friday, Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** The Baxters  
**CALL:** 201-230-7372

**WHERE:** Branchville/Newton  
**WHEN:** Twice Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** Paul Fehrenbacher  
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# EASTER SUNDAY

"GOD RAISED HIM UP..." ACTS 2:24 ESV

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022



# OUR PURPOSE

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! 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

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

**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]

**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]

**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]

**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 LOVE KIDS AT HIGHLANDS!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

**CURRENT CLASSES:** Explorers (0-2) Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

**MONDAY CARE GROUP:** 7pm in Sanctuary

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays at 9AM and 7PM in Sanctuary

**MENS BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Upstairs in Loffice

**FAMILY CARE GROUP:** Sunday, April 24th after service, bring lunch!

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP:** Sunday, April 24th AT 4PM - Upstairs

**SPRING WORK DAY:** Saturday, April 30th from 8AM-12PM

**ELDER MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , March 2022	\$24,576.83
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$388,796.77
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , March 2022	\$356.95
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Thru March 2022	\$71,699.02
<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	\$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org)  
Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option online or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

APRIL 17, 2022

**HAPPY EASTER & WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Our sermon passage today is from Acts 2:22-41. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15 ESV)

Old Testament Reading for Today: Isaiah 42:1-7



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Have you ever thought the crucifixion and the resurrection were the plan of God? How does evil play into that?
- If God is sovereign, how does that impact your life? What is encouraging or troublesome about it?
- If Jesus isn't God, what are some of the implications to the Christian faith?
- Have you responded to the truth of the resurrection? If so, what was it that caused you to respond? If not, what is holding you back?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 21:1-17



## SING

O Worship the Risen Christ | Living Hope | Turn Your Eyes | Before the Throne of God Above | O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

# SERMON NOTES

ACTS 2:22-41 | WHAT THE RESURRECTION PROVES

1. This Jesus [2:22-28; Psalm 16:8-11; Genesis 50:20]

**THE RESURRECTION PROVES GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER EVIL.**

2. Lord and Christ [2:29-36; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 22:41-46; John 1:1; Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3]

**THE RESURRECTION PROVES THAT JESUS IS GOD.**

3. Cut to the Heart [2:37-41; Mark 1:15]

**BIG IDEA: THE RESURRECTION DEMANDS A RESPONSE.**