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May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director  
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Kathy Miller, Organist  
Rick Schilling, Pastor

## ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

**Prelude**

*“Take Up Your Cross”*

Kathy Miller

**Greeting / Call to Worship**

Sharon Drum

The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

**It is God who keeps us from falling and guides our lives.**

Let our thanks and praise resound wherever we worship.

**Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.**

Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

**Lord, move among us and place your wisdom within our hearts and minds.**

**Opening Hymn**

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ” (vs. 1-5)*

UMH 453

**Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace**

Sharon Drum

Let us come before our generous and loving God and offer these words of prayer...

**Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

Kathey Hollifield

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 7:52 – 8:1

CEB 1334

**Proclamation of the Word**

*“Timing & Presentation”*

Rev. Rick Schilling

**Special Music**

*“Near the River”*

Kathey Hollifield & Sharon Drum

Clarinet Duet Incorporating *Peace Like a River* & *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

**Closing Hymn**

*“Send Us Your Spirit”*

Worship & Song 3185

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RICK

Hello all. As the practice of "social distancing" to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus continues, we at SPUMC are adhering to the North Carolina United Methodist Bishops' recommendation to suspend public worship, which now has been extended until further notice. The Bishops, who are following CDC guidelines for public gatherings, will let us know when it will be okay for public worship gatherings. Again, we are doing this out of prevention; we are not acting out of fear. Because of this, this reality affects us in numerous ways. Since we aren't able to spend time with each other in worship and fellowship, we need to make an effort to reach out to others via phone, text, email, and social media. We especially need to reach out to those who are most vulnerable to illness, and those who might not typically get visitors.

We will continue to record the sermon and other portions of a typical "in-person" worship service to help keep us connected. Our goal is to post the videos to our church website and our Facebook page by Saturday evenings, so that you can watch and worship at your convenience – no matter the day or time.

In addition, we are reminding you that the church's ministry doesn't stop in the midst of this crisis. Please continue to send your tithes and offerings every week. You can send them via the "Donate Now" tab on our church website. Here's the direct link to the "Donate Now" page:

[http://sprucepineumc.org/NewSite/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=151](http://sprucepineumc.org/NewSite/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=151)

You can also mail your tithes/offerings to the church at "Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 226 South Hwy., Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support during this trying time. We will get through this together as a church family and community. Let's continue to shine God's light of love and mercy to the world in need!

In humble service with you...Pastor Rick

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU'RE NEW HERE . . . WELCOME!** We're glad you could join us, whether you're new to the community, new to our church, or if you might be new to this whole "church" thing altogether. We hope you won't be nervous: it doesn't matter who you are, what you've done, what you're wearing, what you believe, or what you don't believe – you are welcome here. You are among friends, and we hope you feel at home in this place of grace.

## MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW BABY IN THE BUCHANAN FAMILY!** - The Buchanans welcomed a new baby boy on Monday, May 11. Also, Grace is registered in the Baby Register at Amazon.com if you prefer to do a "social distance" gift. Here's the link:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/grace-buchanan-may-2020-sprucepine/JQ9JLBQ4XZZF>

**SERMONS ON VIDEO!** Our website [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://www.sprucepineumc.org) has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

**COVID-19 FACE MASKS** If you are making your own cloth face mask, consider adding a piece of vacuum cleaner bag material. This will help filter out smaller particles. Simply wrap it in the cloth you are using. If you need a cloth mask, SPUMC has access to several. Please contact the church through Facebook, by phone: 828.765.7446, or email: [sprucepineumc@gmail.com](mailto:sprucepineumc@gmail.com), and we will send you contact info so that you can get one (or more).

**FLOWER CALENDAR** - SPUMC now has a “**Flower Calendar**” for those who would like to remember, honor, or celebrate their friends and loved ones. Located near the bulletin boards (near the Welcome Center), please fill in the date(s) in which you plan to have flowers in the sanctuary, and in whose honor/memory they are for.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Some for when you return

**CONTACT PERSON** –Larry Bohannon-Goldman is the contact person for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and may be called when is someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156.

**SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE, SHEPHERD’S STAFF & M-Y PARISH STILL NEED SUPPORT**

**SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, food, toiletries and your prayers. Thank you & God Bless, Phil White

**WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE CAN OF FOOD EACH WEEK** for the Shepherd’s Staff food assistance ministry. There is a box in the Welcome Center...let’s fill it each week! Please check the “Best Used Before” date on the items you donate and make sure it is more than 30 days before expiration. Thank you.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS** by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we return)

(If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please exchange dates with someone and let the church office know.)

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN’S TIME	GREETERS *	NURSERY *	PRESCHOOL *
5/24	Jane DeVos	Ginny Downs	TBA	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton
5/31	Kathay Hollifield	Beverly Greene	TBA	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman
6/7	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Margarett McGraw/Freddy Jones	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
6/14	Beverly Hale	Tracy Carroll	Eva & Tom Jobin	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
6/21	Janet Ouzts	Bruce Ikard	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
6/28	Matt Miller	Troy Hoilman	Bob & Susan Davis	Sherry Sherman	Brandi Miller

\* For When we Return

## OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

*When a person becomes a professing member of the body of Christ at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church, he or she covenants to participate faithfully in the ministries of the congregation and in life in the world by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.*

**GENERAL PRAYERS:** For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders

**SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Barbara Day*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton’s Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook’s sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Beth’s pregnancy (Dwight’s sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna’s cousins*); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; *Beth Ziemba’s* Daughter in law’s pregnancy; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam’s mother – health*); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Anonymous DSS employee (stress); Linda Seaman (*Becky Dainotto’s sister*); Hal Harrison; *Grace Buchanan – New baby!*

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Mariana Jaeger; the family of Benna Davenport (Audrey’s Daughter in Law); the family of Jana Bartleson; *the family of Mabel Whiton*; *the family of Evelyn Hughes*

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy’s cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather’s Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan; Carolyn Sproles; Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret

Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoeppner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; *Starli's dad Tommy* (surgery); Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Brenda (*Lila's daughter-in-law's sister, life support*); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's uncle David Wilson*; *James Ouzts (Shoulder Surgery)*; Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville)

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis' friend – chemo/kidney failure*); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; Richard (Marvin's friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck (medical)*; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's neighbor – heart attack*); Bruce Hobson (suffering from Vertigo for 3 months); Satyra Askeland (fall, broken leg and ankle); Brooke (kidney infection); *Eva Jobin (gallbladder)*; John Lacey - sepsis; *Lucy Murphy (health issues)*; *Maria Walker (Covid-19)*; Mary (Jane Greenwood's sister in Missouri) health concerns

**FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; solutions to gun violence; for the people of Nashville (tornado victims); for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for workers and business owners who are hurting now

**FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill-Deyton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff; Peter Constantian

**FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (Istanbul); *Tim Hollifield's sister (Pakistan)*; Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); *Glenna's daughter (China)*

*We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern. Please submit names to the church office by Thursday morning to be included on the weekly list.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK				ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
18 <sup>th</sup> – Shirley McManus	19 <sup>th</sup> – Nelle Glenn	20 <sup>th</sup> – Grace Buchanan	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Rev. Alan Beaver	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sam & Jenell Young
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>		<b>COVID 19 - Online only</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	General Fund - \$2,200.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		Year to Date - \$87,411.99		YTD Budget Need – \$93,342.25
		Hughes Building Fund Memorial - \$500.00		
		Community Assistance - \$50.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -8

**WITNESS:** NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THIS TROUBLING TIME, HOLD ON TO GOD'S PROMISES. LET THEM GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS. AND, IN CREATIVE AND UNEXPECTED WAYS, LET US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THIS TROUBLED WORLD – THAT NO MATTER WHAT, DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD! CHRIST IS RISEN! IT IS STILL EASTER, AND WE ARE STILL EASTER PEOPLE!

## **\*\*Next Week's Scripture – May 24, 2020\*\***

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

## **\*\*Ascension Sunday – May 24, 2020\*\***

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53