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Easter Sunday

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! TODAY IS THE DAY THE WORLD CHANGED FOREVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE YEAR FOR CHRISTIANS: TODAY IS EASTER DAY, RESURRECTION SUNDAY, WHEN WE REJOICE THAT JESUS CHRIST WHO WAS CRUCIFIED HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD AND IS ALIVE AND CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST REPRESENTS GOD'S DECISIVE VICTORY OVER EVIL, SIN, AND DEATH: IT IS THE TRIUMPH OF GOD'S LIFE AND LOVE, AND THE SOURCE OF OUR FAITH THAT, THROUGH THE SAME POWER THAT RAISED JESUS, WE, TOO, WILL SHARE IN GOD'S FINAL VICTORY. THE CHURCH EXISTS BECAUSE OF EASTER: WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE. SINCE THAT SUNDAY MORNING WHEN THE TOMB WAS FOUND EMPTY, CHRISTIANS HAVE MET ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK TO WORSHIP GOD, WITH EVERY SUNDAY A LITTLE EASTER, AND EASTER THE GREATEST SUNDAY OF ALL. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU COULD CELEBRATE WITH US!

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

"The Lord Reigneth!"

GLYN CANNON

Lighting of the Christ Candles

PLEASE USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS YOUR WHOLE SELF - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT -
ON WORSHIPPING GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Chiming of the Hour

Easter Introit

"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Easter Greeting (3 times)

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

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Words of Welcome

OFFERING OUR PRAISES, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS TO GOD

^Song of Praise

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

UMH 302

^Statement of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

^Opening Prayer

By raising Jesus Christ from the dead,

God has opened to us the gates of life that all may enter in.

Confident of God's love and mercy, let us boldly confess our sin

**Lord Jesus,
through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection and new life.
Yet we have not lived as an Easter people.
We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.
Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you through faith.
Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.
Whenever we are distracted by conflict or brokenness,
keep our minds on your healing and reconciling love.
Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
remind us again of your triumph over all that would keep us from You and Your Kingdom.
In your conquering mercy, forgive us our sin and free us from its power,
so that our lives may always be a testimony
to your resurrection,
to your everlasting salvation,
and to your love and life within us.
Amen.**

^ Hymn of Praise **“He Lives”** **UMH 310**

Offertory **"Hosanna to the Prince of Light"** AARON & GRACE BUCHANAN

Doxology *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 94

Call to Prayer **"Christ is Alive" vs. 1-3** UMH 314

Sung Response	"Christ is Alive" vs. 4-5	UMH 314
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^Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 / Colossians 3:1-4 NT 109/189

Proclamation of the Word **“Because He Lives”** **REV. JEREMY TROXLER**

Choral Anthem **“Rejoice, He Is Alive!”** CHANCEL CHOIR
W/ TIM DRUM - TRUMPET

^Sending Hymn **"Because He Lives"** UMH 364

^Benediction

^Choral Response

"He Lives"

CHANCEL CHOIR

^Postlude

^IF ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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.
- **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHILDREN!** Parents, we are so grateful that you and your children are here to worship with us! We believe that children have much to teach us about how to receive the Kingdom of God, so please don't worry about your kids being a distraction in worship: the sounds that children make are music to our ears, and we are genuinely grateful that they are in our midst.
- **CHURCH NURSERY** - If it is helpful, you are welcome to leave your child with the caring and trained volunteers in our church nursery, which is located in our Sunday School hallway; or, if you prefer, you can make use of the "family room" which we set up each Sunday in the blue-carpeted foyer at the back of the sanctuary: that way your child can play and roam freely while you can relax and listen in to the service.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THERE WILL BE NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES (for students in grades 6-12) OR HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (for children 5th grade and younger) MEETING TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY.**
- **PASTOR JEREMY AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS EARLY THIS WEEK CELEBRATING EASTER WITH FAMILY.**
- **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** - Easter Monday, April 22, 2019. The office will reopen on Tuesday.
- **SPUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 4PM** - We will be updating one another on the work of our various ministry teams and making plans for the summer
- **SUMMIT YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - MAY 5TH AT 6PM @ SPUMC** - All are welcome to join us as the members of our cooperative area United Methodist youth group, Summit, lead a special worship service. As part of worship a special love offering will be received for the youth's mission trip to Honduras. Please make plans to come to both support our youth and to be blessed by their faith.
- **MISSION TRIP TO DUPLIN COUNTY** - Hurricane Florence devastated eastern North Carolina and one of the areas getting the least attention is Duplin County. We are sending a team there May 5-10th, next month, We will be staying in a Baptist mission work camp and helping the rebuild in these communities. For more information call Marvin at 766-5379 or Pastor Jeremy at 467-8743.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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:

(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
4/28	Bruce Ikard	Kathey Hollifield	Josh & Jennifer Newton	Becky Nance	Meredith Hoilman
5/5	Marvin Walker	Sharon Drum	Danna Gibson & Maria Douglass	TBA	TBA
5/12	Jack Riley	Ginny Downs	James & Janet Ouzts	TBA	TBA
5/19	Sharon Drum	Beverly Hale Greene	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	TBA	TBA

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, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Ramona Gragg*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn Boles*); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2019; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jane Greenwood; *Tim Hollifield*; Olivia Silver; Amanda Drum; James Davis; J.C. Gage; Crystal Wood; Stan Elkins; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Dakota Yelton; Kimberly Oberhammer family; *Beverly Hale*; Mike Bartlett; Dennis Chandler; Rosemary Coffman; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Barbara Butts (*Ann Denny's daughter*); Tess Coulter (*Jack Burleson's mom - Hospice*); Corey & Katheryn Hoilman & new baby Avery; Nathan Hoilman; Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni
 - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Zoe Ellis; Gloria Schulman & family; family of Henry Street; family of Bea White; Paul Sherman & family (death of father); the family of John Ahlquist; the family of Kathryn Riddle; the family of Maggie Young; the family of John Grant
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's dad - back*); Atlas Benton (back); *Ann Denny*; Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Allan "Jerry" Douglass (corneal transplant surgery); Bishop Sharma Lewis; Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)*; David Wilson; Meredith Hoilman (bone marrow donor); Heather Walker (heart transplant); Norma Weathers; *Neil Brown (surgery)*; Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*
 - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (cancer treatment); Jada Daniels (lung); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Brian Baker; Rev. Brenda McDaniel; Claire Spence; Becky Hoilman; Unnamed Person; Bill Hayes; Dan Whetstine; Dick Hautala; Darren Ward; Mike Burke (brain tumor); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Lisa McKinney; Cheryl Oglesby; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney
 - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Brian Westveer (fall); Sarah Hobart; Amanda Ikard (discs); Martha Wrenn (Crohn's); Coy Hollifield; Sam Blevins (lungs); Carol Woodward; Rhiannon (Tom and Eva Jobin's grand-daughter)
 - **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire); people of Venezuela
 - **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Dayton 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
 - **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips
- We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Troxler 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			
21 - David Hoeppner	22 - Glenn Nance	22 - Mary Robinson	23 - Brett Walker
PRESENCE:		24 - Scott Wray	
		April 14th, 2019	11:00 - 140
GIFTS	April 14th, 2019	General Fund - \$3,179.08	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$80,657.70	YTD Budget Need - \$68,745.00
		Children's Offering - \$107.91 - Mission Trip	Duplin Co. Mission Trip - \$150.00
		Community Assistance - \$469.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 16

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...

Lector: Tim Drum

Greeters: Lloyd & Nelle Glenn

Children's Time: Greg Hoilman

Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Chelsea Thayer Preschool: Kim Ledford Offertory: Aaron & Grace Buchanan

WITNESS: A CHRISTIAN NAMED KARL BARTH WROTE ONCE THAT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS MEANS THAT CHRISTIANS SHOULDN'T WALK AROUND WITH LONG FACES ALL THE TIME: EASTER SHOULD PUT A SMILE ON OUR FACES AND A LAUGH IN OUR HEARTS. TODAY WE CELEBRATE ABIDING JOY: THE JOY OF KNOWING THAT GOD'S MERCY IS GREATER THAN THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD, GREATER THAN DEATH, GREATER THAN OUR BETRAYAL, GREATER THAN OUR SIN, GREATER THAN OUR SUFFERING. LOVE WINS! WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS THIS WEEK BY LAUGHING AT EVIL, BY GRINNING AT HARDSHIP, AND BY REJOICING ALWAYS.

****Next Week's Scripture - April 28th, 2019****

Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, 1 Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31