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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

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Kathy Miller, Organist

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** THE WORD "WORSHIP" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR "WORTHY." WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS "WORTHY" OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE. LAST SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF GOD'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH. TODAY IS THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE *SEASON* OF EASTER. THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS FAR TOO BIG TO BE CELEBRATED ON ONLY ONE DAY: IN A WAY, *EVERY* SUNDAY IS A LITTLE EASTER, A REMINDER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. WITHIN THE CHURCH, EASTER IS NOT JUST ONE DAY, BUT A SEASON OF 50 DAYS (7 SUNDAYS) IN WHICH WE CELEBRATE THE WAYS THAT CHRIST LIVES AMONG US, AROUND US, AND IN US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. PRAISE GOD!

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

MARVIN WALKER

**Prelude**

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

**Entry of the Light of Christ**

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

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

**^Song of Praise**

**"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

UMH 344

**^Easter Greeting**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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**^Prayer of Confession**

On Easter the risen Jesus returned to those who had failed him  
and offered them words of forgiveness and peace.

As those who trust in the mercy of God shown to us in Christ,  
let us be bold to confess our sins together, so that we can be freed from guilt,  
and look to the future with hope.

Let us pray:

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will.  
We have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(time for silent confession)*

Amen. Hear now the good news:  
Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again for us  
while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Glory to God! Amen!**

**^ Sharing of the Peace of Christ**                      “The peace of Christ be with you”                      **“And also with you.”**  
*(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)*

**Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God / Commissioning of Duplin County Mission Team**

**Offertory**                      **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**                      VERNON COULTER - PIANO & BAND  
**Doxology**                      **“My Tribute”**                      UMH 99

**Children’s Message**                      SHARON DRUM  
**Children’s Change Offering**                      KAIROS / M-Y HABITAT  
*(Following the children’s change offering, parents of small children may choose to escort their little ones to our church nursery: our nursery volunteers will meet you in the welcome center just outside the sanctuary.)*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

**^Scripture Reading**                      **John 21:9-19**                      NT 110  
**Choral Anthem**                      **“Feed My Lambs”**                      CHANCEL CHOIR  
**Proclamation of the Word**                      **“The First Breakfast”**                      REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## **HOLY COMMUNION AND SENDING FORTH**

**^Great Thanksgiving / The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**  
*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during Holy Communion:*  
“Take Our Bread” - UMH 640                      “Bread of the World” - UMH 624  
“Because Thou Hast Said” - UMH 635                      “One Bread, One Body” - UMH 620

**Prayers of the People**

**^Sending Hymn**                      **“Peter Said, “I’m Going Fishing””**                      ON SCREEN  
**^Benediction**  
**^Postlude**

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**^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.

## MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - TONIGHT, 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. (Please note: the youth will meet at the church at 3 PM to practice and then will eat together at 5 PM prior to the service.)
- **PASTOR JEREMY WILL BE AWAY MUCH OF THIS WEEK PARTICIPATING IN THE MISSION TRIP TO DUPLIN COUNTY.** If you need to reach him, please call his cell phone at 828-467-8743 or leave a message through the Church office at 828-765-7446.
- **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.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY EARLY!** - Wonderful Wednesday for the Month of May will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Money raised will go toward Kairos Prison Ministry. This is a potluck meal, so there is a sign-up sheet in the welcome center today.
- **OUR EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS FOR THE SEASON NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12TH AT 9AM AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!**
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, May 16th at 5 pm in the Faithlink Classroom.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** - Jan Hamilton is the contact person for the 2nd quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 828-385-2201.
- **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:

(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
5/12	Jack Riley	Ginny Downs	James & Janet Ouzts	Quincy Sparks	Kim Ledford
5/19	Sharon Drum	Beverly Hale Greene	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
5/26	Jane DeVos	Melanie Murphy	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Rachelle Shock	Maddie Landon
6/2	Kathey Hollifield	Tracy Carroll	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman

## 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*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Tess Coulter (*Jack Burleson's mom - Hospice*); Corey & Kathryn Hoilman & new baby Avery; Nathan Hoilman; Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Laura Moore (back); Doris Sparks; Larry Howell; Jacquelyn Taylor
  - **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; the family of Bill Hayes
  - **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; Heather Walker (heart transplant); *Neil Brown (surgery)*; Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*; *Ozzie Hernandez*
  - **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; 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; Marianna Jaeger; Gary Graham
  - **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; Coy Hollifield; Sam Blevins (lungs); Carol Woodward
  - **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; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's
  - **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			ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
7 <sup>th</sup> - Betty Sparks		8 <sup>th</sup> - Lila Baskin	10 <sup>th</sup> - Josh & Jennifer Newton
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>11:00 - 126</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	General Fund - \$6,316.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Online Giving April - \$2,215.90	YTD Budget Need - \$77,911.00
		Year to Date - \$92,308.60	Duplin Co. Mission Trip - \$150.00
		Children's Offering - \$83.91 - Mission Trip	Summit Mission Trip - \$3,900.00
		Community Assistance - \$3,275.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 7

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

Lector: Marvin Walker      Greeters: Maria Douglass & Danna Gibson      Children's Time: Sharon Drum  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Katie Willett      Preschool: Tracy Dayton      Offertory: Vernon Coulter & Band

**WITNESS:** LAST SUNDAY WE REMEMBERED HOW THE RISEN JESUS RETURNED TO HIS DISCIPLES IN THEIR PLACE OF FEAR AND STOOD WITH THEM, OFFERED THEM WORDS OF PEACE, SHOWED THEM HIS WOUNDS AND HIS LOVE, OFFERED THEM HIS SPIRIT, AND SENT THEM FORWARD IN SERVICE JUST AS HIS OWN HEAVENLY FATHER HAD SENT HIM. AS SOMEONE SENT IN THE SAME SPIRIT AS JESUS, HOW ARE YOU STANDING WITH OTHERS, OFFERING THEM WORDS OF PEACE, LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF THEIR SCARS, SHARING YOUR OWN SCARS, AND LOVING OTHERS IN THE SAME WAY?

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**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\***

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30