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May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Kathy Miller, Organist

**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 5TH 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

SHARON DRUM

Prelude

"Glorious Day"

JAMES GLENN

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

"More Precious Than Silver" 2x

UMH 162

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

^Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

**God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

Help me to live one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will make all things right  
if I surrender to Your will;  
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

("The Serenity Prayer" by Reinhold Neibuhr)

^ **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.")*

^ **Hymn of Praise**      **"Morning Has Broken"**      UMH 145

**Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**      **"All My Hope"**      JAMES GLENN

**Doxology**      **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**      UMH 95

**Children's Message**      TRACY CARROLL

**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.)*

**Call to Prayer**      **"The Fragrance of Christ"**      TFWS 2205

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**      **"I Choose You"**      CHANCEL CHOIR

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

^ **Scripture Reading**      **Matthew 6:25-34**      NT 6

**Proclamation of the Word**      **"Daily"**      REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn**      **"Lord of All Hopefulness"**      TFWS 2197

^ **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 / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE PARSONAGE COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY.** We will be visiting the parsonage and discussing minor repairs and improvements to be completed as part of the upcoming pastoral transition.
- **FAREWELL COOKOUT/PICNIC FOR THE TROXLERS** - Monday, June 17 at 6 pm at Swiss Pine Lake Pavilion. We have the area reserved from 3 pm until dusk. UMW will provide hamburgers & hotdogs, everyone else bring a side dish.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** - Jan Hamilton is the contact person for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **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     |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 5/26 | Jane DeVos          | Melanie Murphy      | Greg & Meredith Hoilman     | Rachelle Shock | Maddie Landon |
| 6/2  | Kathey Hollifield   | Beverly Hale Greene | Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes | Becky Nance    | Emree Hoilman |
| 6/9  | Randy Hembree       | Bruce Ikard         | LeeRoy & Sue Ledford        | Katie Willett  | Tracy Deyton  |
| 6/16 | Beverly Hale Greene | Greg Hoilman        | Tom & Eva Jobin             | Quincy Sparks  | Kim Ledford   |

### REGULAR MEETINGS

| GROUP                  | DAYS                           | ROOM            | CONTACT                 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Blue Ridge Bridge Club | Mondays, 10 am                 | Fellowship Hall | Nancy Ball              |
| SPUMC Book Club        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am | Parlor          | Margarett McGraw        |
| Weight Watchers        | Tuesdays, 5 pm                 | Fellowship Hall |                         |
| UMW Nightingale Circle | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7 pm  | Welcome Center  | Sharon Drum             |
| Choir Practice         | Wednesdays - 7:00 pm           | Sanctuary       | Kathey Hollifield       |
| Al-Anon                | Thursdays - 7:00 pm            | Youth Room      | 467-1193 & 704-609-5379 |

## 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*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Laura Moore (back); Doris Sparks; Jacquelyn Taylor; Ed Terrell (recovering from car accident); Trevor Higgins; Elaine Wyatt; *Jennifer Willett (expecting)*
- **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; the family of John Ahlquist; the family of Maggie Young; the family of Bill Hayes; family of Larry Howell; Tim & Kristen Drum and family; family of Mary Ballew; Ally & Sydney, family of Tess Coulter
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Atlas Benton (back); Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)* ; Heather Walker (heart transplant); Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*; Ozzie Hernandez; *Ann Denny (broken arm)*; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan
- **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: Claire Spence; Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Marianna Jaeger; Gary Graham; Patti Morgan; Diane Cathey (brain tumor)
- **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; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Carol Woodward; Jamie Burleson
- **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; 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 - 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; Lynn Kennedy (Burkino Faso)
- **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
- **FOR OUR NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY:** Rev. Rick and Suzanne Schilling  
*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    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 19 - Nelle Glenn    | 20 - Grace Buchanan              | 22 - Alan Beaver                            | 23 - Lee Roy Ledford | 23 - Cole Martin                               | 22 - Sam & Jenelle Young |
| <b>PRESENCE:</b>    |                                  | <b>May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>            |                      | <b>9:00 - 46    11:00 - 107    Total - 153</b> |                          |
| <b>GIFTS</b>        | <b>May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b> | General Fund - \$3,131.00                   |                      | Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00                |                          |
|                     |                                  | Year to Date - \$101,773.60                 |                      | YTD Budget Need - \$87,077.00                  |                          |
|                     |                                  | Children's Offering - \$41.90 - Kairos      |                      | Kairos Meal - \$546.00                         |                          |
|                     |                                  | Children's Offering - \$41.90 - M-Y Habitat |                      |  |                          |
|                     |                                  | Community Assistance - \$5.00               |                      | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 18           |                          |

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

Lector: Sharon Drum      Greeters: Becky Nance / TBA      Children's Time: Tracy Carroll  
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Sherry Sherman      Preschool: Brandy Miller      Offertory: James Glenn

**WITNESS:** WALKING WITH JESUS IS A DAILY EXPERIENCE. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU DAILY DRAW STRENGTH FROM CHRIST, AND DAILY SERVE HIM?

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**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\***

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5, John 14:23-29