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June 2nd, 2019

7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
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. ON EASTER SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF GOD'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH. TODAY IS THE 7TH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF EASTER. 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. TODAY IN WORSHIP WE ALSO CONTINUE IN A SERMON SERIES CALLED "OUR FATHER'S WORLD" ABOUT OUR CALLING TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

Prelude

"Arabesque & Air"

PETERSON

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

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH 152

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray together:

God of creation, the earth is yours
with all its beauty and goodness,
its rich and overflowing provision.

But we confess we have claimed it for our own,
plundered its beauty for profit,

grabbed its resources for ourselves.
God of creation, forgive us.
May we no longer abuse your trust,
but care gently and with justice for your earth.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

-from a prayer by Jan Barry

^ **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

Offertory

GLENN TASEDAN

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Children's Message

BEVERLY TRUELOVE GREENE

Children's Change Offering

HOSPICE OF THE BLUE RIDGE / RELAY FOR LIFE

(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

^ **Responsive Psalter Reading**

Psalms 104: 1-13, 24-35

UMH 826

Proclamation of the Word

“The Bread of Creation”

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

Choral Anthem

“Across the Lands”

CHANCEL CHOIR

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:

“You Feed Us, Gentle Savior” - Worship & Song 3169

“What Feast of Love” - Worship & Song 3170

“Table of Plenty” - Worship & Song 3173

Prayers of the People

^ **Sending Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

^ **Benediction**

^ **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.

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6th-12th graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **DO YOU FEEL THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU OR YOUR CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED?** Baptism is the experience through which a person publicly receives God's saving gift of forgiveness and love, joins the church of Christ, and becomes a follower of Jesus. In the United Methodist Church, adults and children from all ages can be baptized through immersion or through the pouring of water. We will be having a special baptismal service at the Church on Sunday, June 9th and at Swiss Pine Lake on Monday, June 17th. If you would like to consider being baptized, please contact Pastor Jeremy at 828-467-8743 or at spumcpastor@bellsouth.net.
- **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.
- **PASTOR JEREMY'S LAST SUNDAY WILL BE JUNE 23RD. PASTOR RICK SCHILLING'S FIRST SUNDAY IN THE PULPIT WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 14TH.** The Troxlers will be moving out of the Parsonage and the Schillings will be moving into the Parsonage on Wednesday, July 3rd. Please be in prayer for these families and for our Church during this time of transition.

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
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st 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
6/9	Tim Drum	Bruce Ikard	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	Katie Willett	Tracy Deyton
6/16	Beverly Hale Greene	Greg Hoilman	Tom & Eva Jobin	Quincy Sparks	Kim Ledford
6/23	Janet Ouzts	Ginny Downs	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Sherry Sherman	Meredith Hoilman
6/30	Matt Miller	Sharon Drum	Josh & Jennifer Newton	Rachelle Shock	Brandy Miller

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd 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 Hoepfner; *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; *the family of Jane Lewis*
- **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; *Audrey Davenport (infection / mrsa)*
- **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					ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
2 nd Maggie Martin, Margaret McGraw, Sue Phillips	4 th Marianna Jaeger	5 th Kathey Hollifield	7 th Jordan Nance	8 th Judy Wood, Casey Paton	6 th LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	8 th Sam & Judy Wood
PRESENCE:		May 26th, 2019			9:00 - 42	11:00 - 101 Total - 143
GIFTS	May 26th, 2019	General Fund - \$3,726.00			Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00	
		Year to Date - \$112,217.60			YTD Budget Need - \$96,243.00	
		Children's Offering - \$35.00 - Kairos			Mission Trips - \$2075.00	
		Children's Offering - \$35.00 - M-Y Habitat				
		Community Assistance - \$2,075.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 33	

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

Lector: Kathey Hollifield Greeters: Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes Children's Time: Beverly Hale Greene
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Becky Nance Preschool: Emree Hoilman Offertory: Glenna Tasedan

WITNESS: ONE WAY THAT WE WITNESS TO OUR FAITH IS BY THE CARE WE OFFER TO GOD'S CREATION. HOW ARE YOU OBEYING GOD'S COMMAND TO CULTIVATE AND CARE FOR THE EARTH? WHAT RELATIONSHIPS DO YOU HAVE WITH ANIMALS AND PLANTS? DOES WHAT YOU EAT BUILD UP GOD'S WORLD OR TEAR IT DOWN? HOW MUCH ENERGY DO YOU USE? DO YOU TRY TO REUSE OR RECYCLE THINGS, OR SIMPLY THROW THEM AWAY? SUCH QUESTIONS ARE NOT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, BUT FAITH ISSUES. CHRISTIANS ASK THESE QUESTIONS OF OURSELVES NOT BECAUSE WE ARE "TREE-HUGGERS," BUT BECAUSE WE ARE CHRIST-FOLLOWERS: BECAUSE WE TRY TO LOVE ALL OUR NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING GOD'S CREATURES AND GOD'S CREATION.

****Next Week's Scripture - June 9th, 2019****

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)