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June 23rd, 2019

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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. TODAY IS A FULL DAY IN WORSHIP: TODAY WE CELEBRATE BAPTISMS AND COMMISSION OUR NEW CARE TEAM AND OUR SUMMIT HONDURAS MISSION TEAM. TODAY WE ALSO MARK PASTOR JEREMY TROXLER'S LAST SUNDAY AFTER SIX YEARS AS PASTOR AT SPUMC, AS HE IS BEING RE-APPOINTED AS THE LEAD PASTOR AT GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC IN GREENSBORO, NC, AND AS WE PREPARE TO WELCOME REV. RICK SCHILLING AS OUR NEW PASTOR ON JULY 14TH.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

JANET OUZTS

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

"In Christ Alone"

WORSHIP & SONG 3105

^Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

O God,

you have called your servants

to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,

by paths as yet untrodden,

through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage,

not knowing where we go,

but only that your hand is leading us

and your love supporting us,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.”)

Time of Celebration and Commissioning

(We will be celebrating baptisms and commissioning our new Care Team and our Honduras Mission Team.)

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory

“How Beautiful”

KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

^ Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Message

GINNY DOWNS

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 AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem

“Recollection of Joy”

CHANCEL CHOIR

See the Insert for the words

^ Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27 / Luke 17:20-21

NT 164/76

Proclamation of the Word

“How Beautiful is the Kingdom of God”

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

An Order of Farewell to a Pastor

*(Following a moment of celebration,
the pastor and congregation will share the following liturgy together)*

Pastor: I thank you, members and friends of Spruce Pine United Methodist Church,
for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you.
I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.
We express our gratitude for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave us with your departure.**

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,
trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.
I release you from turning to me and depending on me.
I encourage your continuing ministry here,
and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Rick Schilling.
Now, let us pray together:

**Congregation: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us everlasting to everlasting;
we give you thanks for cherished memories
and commend one another into your care
as we move in new directions.
Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

^The Lord's Prayer

^Sending Hymn

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

UMH 673

^Benediction

^Choral Response

"Peace Benediction"

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.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE INSERT

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
6/30	Matt Miller	Sharon Drum	Josh & Jennifer Newton	Rachelle Shock	Brandy Miller
7/7	Grant Sparks	Kathey Hollifield	Glen & Janie DeVos	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton
7/14	Tracy Deyton	Beverly Greene	Bert & Diane Sheeley	Becky Nance	Maddie Landon
7/21	Aaron Buchanan	Melanie Murphy	Ray & Joyce Alvarez	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford

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*, 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)*; Shirley Hise; Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Lora Lanier (allergic reaction)

- **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; the family of Audrey Davenport*
- **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); Rev. Richard and Suzanne Schilling; The Troxlers and Guilford College UMC
- **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; Summit Honduras Mission Team
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		
24 - Brandy Miller	25 - Dallas Martin	25 - Jack & Carolyn Burleson, James & Janet Ouzts, Bryan & Chelsea Thayer		
PRESENCE:		June 16 th , 2019	9:00 - 50	11:00 - 120 Total - 170
GIFTS	June 16th, 2019	General Fund - \$2,505.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00	
		Year to Date - \$124,638.86	YTD Budget Need - \$109,992.00	
		Children's Offering - \$27.88 - Hospice	Community Assistance - \$500.00	
		Children's Offering - \$27.88 - Relay for Life		
		Missions - \$100.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 39	

SPUMC gratefully accepts a donation of 300.00 to the Community Assistance Fund from Dawn Vance Blair and Thomas Blair in Memory of Cary Jan Pitman.

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

Lector: Janet Ouzts Greeters: Jack & Ursula Chandler Children's Time: Ginny Downs
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Sherry Sherman Preschool: Meredith Hoilman Offertory: Kathey Hollifield

WITNESS: THE PASTORAL TRANSITION THAT OUR CHURCH IS PARTICIPATING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OFFERS A KIND OF WITNESS TO CHRIST. THROUGH IT, WE WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST, AND NO ONE PASTOR, IS THE TRUE LEADER OF OUR CONGREGATION, AND THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN USE ALL KINDS OF LEADERS TO BUILD UP GOD'S CHURCH. PLEASE WITNESS TO THIS TRUTH OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BY PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH, BY REACHING OUT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS, BY USING WORDS THAT BUILD UP RATHER THAN TEAR DOWN, AND BY GRACIOUSLY WELCOMING AND GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR NEW PASTOR, REV. RICK SCHILLING, AND HIS WIFE SUZANNE.

****Next Week's Scripture - June 30th, 2019****

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62