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March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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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.

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Grant Sparks

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 AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

This is the third step in our journey to the cross.

**It is on this wilderness walk that we remember our need for God's sustaining grace.**

It is on this journey that God will confront us.

**Our hearts are ready to receive God.**

Let us continue to make our way toward the cross.

**Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus, our Helper.**

^Song of Praise

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

UMH 168

^Opening Prayer

Let us pray to the One who knows us best...

**O God, our Great Helper, you are living water for our thirsty souls. As we worship you this day, show us who You are. Show us who we are – channels of your love, and vessels of your grace. Help us Lord, for you do not expect us to do things on our own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. 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.”)

**^Hymn of Praise**    **“Jesus Shall Reign”**    UMH 157

**Children’s Message**    Kathey Hollifield  
**Children’s Change Offering**    M-Y Meds Medication Ministry

**Call to Prayer**    **“O How He Loves You and Me” (vs. 2)**    TFWS 2108

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

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

**Choral Anthem**    **“Give Me Jesus”**    Chancel Choir

**^Scripture Reading**    **Luke 4:1-13 (CEB)**    CEB 1248

**Proclamation of the Word**    **“A Time of Dependence”**    Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

**Offering our Gifts and Praises to God**

**Offertory**    **“Enough”**    Suzanne Schilling

**Doxology**    **“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”**    UMH 95

**^Sending Hymn**    **“Jesus Tempted in the Desert” vs. 3**    TFWS 2105

**^Benediction**

**^Postlude**

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(CEB) denotes Common English Bible

^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.

## MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMIT AND HILLTOPPERS** – Summit & Hilltoppers meet tonight- 5:30-7:30 at Spruce Pine UMC.

**SERMONS ON VIDEO!** Our website [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://www.sprucepineumc.org) has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

**TRUSTEE MEETING** – Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm here at the church.

**PRIMETIMERS** - SPUMC’s “Primetimers” Seasoned Adult Ministry’s is having a potluck lunch on Tuesday, March 17 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will break bread together and continue our discussions about what is important to seniors: Book/Bible studies, health concerns, monthly luncheons, quarterly trips, and other needs. Please come be a part

of an active and growing ministry area of the church. We need your input so that we can best know how to support you in this season of life. Please RSVP to Lila Baskin at 828.765.4917 or Judy Williams by calling or texting 336.870.1598.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** - SPUMC now has a "Flower Calendar" for those who would like to remember, honor, or celebrate their friends and loved ones. Located near the bulletin boards (near the Welcome Center), please fill in the date(s) in which you plan to have flowers in the sanctuary, and in whose honor/memory they are for.

**CHURCH WORKDAY** - Saturday, March 21 is a church workday. There is a lot to do on the grounds in preparation for Easter. We need lots of people to help weed the flower beds, trim plants, pressure wash, and interior cleaning/organizing. We will start at 9:00 am and go until we are completed. In case of inclement weather, Saturday, March 28 is the workday. Thank you for taking pride in your church buildings and grounds, and thank you for helping to take care of all that God has blessed us with.

**WATCH LEADER MEETINGS** - March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting after the early service will be in the Welcome Center and the meeting after the 11:00 service will be in the Parlor. If you have agreed to be a Watch Leader, these are important meetings.

**MISSION TRIP** - April 26-May 1 our church will be sending a team to Burgaw in Pender County for disaster relief from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. This area has had people waiting years to return to their homes. Experience is not required, only a servant's heart. Please consider joining the team, for information contact Melanie 828-260-1714 or Marvin 828-766-5379

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONTACT PERSON** - Carolyn Burleson is the contact person for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 467-2277 (Cell).

**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
3/22	Tracy Deyton	Ginny Downs	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
3/29	Aaron Buchanan	Beverly Greene	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Katie Willet	Kim Ledford
4/5	Meredith Hoilman	Melanie Murphy	Nancy Ball / Jan Hamilton	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
4/12	Dwight Willett	Tracy Carroll	Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist	Chelsea Thayer	Larry Bohannon

## 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 & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Kathy Baker; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for those struggling to stay warm; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; *Beth Ziemba's* Daughter in law's pregnancy; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother - health*)

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Christine Gortney; family of Elizabeth Davenport; family of Claire Spence; family of Cleve Jacobs, family of Trace Magner; the family of Lori Haythorn; the family of Kameron Wilson; the family of Melanie's cousin Mike; family of Frankie Buntz; *for the family of Sue Phillips*; the family of Marlene Clark; the family of Kathey's neice Roxanne; the family of Vernon George Grindstaff, Jr., for the family of Daryl McKinney; the family of Becky Hoilman (Bill Hoilman - grief)

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney

transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan; Carolyn Sproles; Neil Brown (recovery); Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoeppner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's* dad); *Beverly Greene* (recovery); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Lucy Murphy*; *Diane Sheeley* (recovery); *Starli's* dad Tommy (surgery); Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Brenda (*Lila's* daughter-in-law's sister, life support); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's* uncle David Wilson

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis'* friend – chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; Richard (Marvin's friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Marianna Jaeger (health has taken a turn for the worse)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's* father (*meniscus*); Homer Cook (*Stan's* dad); Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck* (medical); Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's* neighbor – heart attack); Bruce Hobson (suffering from Vertigo for 3 months); Satyra Askeland (fall, broken leg and ankle); Brooke (kidney infection); *Eva Jobin* (gallbladder); John Lacey - sepsis

**FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse/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; solutions to gun violence; Bahamas residents; for the people of Australia; the situation in Iraq; for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for the people of Nashville (tornado victims)

**FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** 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; Peter Constantian

**FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (new teacher in Istanbul); *Tim Hollifields* sister (Pakistan); Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); *Diane Struble's* daughter Xan studying overseas; Laura & Alex Sharpe (Mission Trip to Guatemala); Ben Potter (Army); *Glenna's* daughter (*China*); Justin Arnold – Samaritan's Purse - Bahamas

*We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick 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
15 – Jodi Rhymer	16 – Landon Miller	19 – Jake Deyton	19 – Zeke Deyton	20 – Jon Bohannon-Goldman	19 – Philip & Michela Buchanan
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>		<b>9:00 – 29 11:00 – 86 = Total 115</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	General Fund - \$4,978.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$55,657.18		YTD Budget Need – \$49,127.50	
		Children's Offering - \$64.40 – M-Y Meds		Mission Trip - \$25.00	
		Mission Trip Meal - \$492.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -29	

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

Lector: Grant Sparks      Greeters: Don & Bobbi Abele      Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield

Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Meredith Hoilman      Preschool: Emree Hoilman      Offertory: Suzanne Schilling

**WITNESS:** OUR TIMES IN THE WILDERNESS — THE TOUGH TIMES OF LIFE...OUR VALLEYS — ARE DARK, LONELY, AND CHAOTIC TIMES IN OUR FAITH WALKS. OFTENTIMES, GOD SEEMS DISTANT; FRIENDS AND FAMILY MIGHT AVOID US OR MISUNDERSTAND US; WE FEEL ISOLATED. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF OUR DARK "STOPPING PLACES," ESPECIALLY DURING OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, GOD NEVER ABANDONS US — WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT. GOD BLESSES US WITH PEACE AND ASSURANCE. BUT, GOD'S BLESSING ISN'T FOR US ALONE. PART OF OUR WITNESS IS TO SHARE ALL THAT GOD BLESSES US WITH, EVEN DURING THE WILDERNESS TIMES. WE ARE BLESSED TO BLESS OTHERS.

## **\*\*Next Week's Scripture – March 22, 2020\*\***

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; Mark 9:14-29 (NRSV)