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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

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 IN WORSHIP WE CONTINUE IN OUR SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF THE BIBLE CALLED "ROMANS."

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

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 & PRAYERS

^**Song of Praise**

"Awesome God"

TFWS 2040

^**Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray together:

Almighty God,

we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.

**We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,
a people set apart for your divine purpose.**

We live more in apathy than in hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than service and sacrifice.

**We try to speak in your name without letting go of our glories,
without nourishing our souls, without relying solely on your grace.**

Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

(time for silent prayers of confession)

Hear now the gospel:

While we were still sinners Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again to save us:
that proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and in the power of his Spirit we are made new.

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.”)

^ **Hymn of Praise** **“Come, Thou Almighty King”** UMH 61

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory AARON & GRACE BUCHANAN

Doxology **“Glory Be to the Father”** UMH 70

Prayer for a New School Year

**“God of wisdom and truth,
at the beginning of a new school year, we thank You and praise You
for the gift of new beginnings, and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.
We pray for all teachers, students, and staff:
help and bless them as they face new challenges, the fear of failure,
and the expectations of parents, co-workers, and self.
In their learning and in their teaching, may they grow
in knowledge and wisdom, in service to others, and in love for You and Your world;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Teacher. Amen.”**

Children’s Message GLENNA TASEDAN
Children’s Change Offering STOP HUNGER NOW
(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 **“Lead Me Lord”** UMH 473

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem **“I Choose You”** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **Romans 12:1-2, 9-21** NT 152

Proclamation of the Word **“How the Christian Overcomes Evil”** REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”** TFWS 2171

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Go Forth for God”** 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. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT AND HILLTOPPERS BACK TO SCHOOL WATER FUN TODAY!** - All kids (K-5th grades) and youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to meet at the church at 3pm for fun water games: you will get wet! Please wear a bathing suit, and please bring a towel, a water squirter (if you have one), and a friend. We will eat at 5pm and finish at 6pm.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - this Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **THE NEW STOP HUNGER NOW** - On Saturday September 23rd there will be a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at Higgins UMC beginning at 9:00 AM. Those of you who have been a part of one of these know what a special time this is. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. We have funds for more than one table of workers, and can always do more. The meals cost 29 cents for the ingredients, specifically designed to nourish the malnourished, including shipping and delivery. Please contribute as you can, time, materials to package or both! Contact Marvin at 765-0663 for more information.
- **CALLING ALL MEN: WOULD YOU JOIN KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY?** The second Kairos Prison Ministry weekend at Mountainview Correctional Facility will be held Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 22nd. Preparations will begin in the next couple of weeks. We are looking for a few good (or at least, pretty good ☺) men whom God might be calling to volunteer with this life-changing experience. For more information, please speak with Pastor Jeremy asap.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THERESA CONLEY** - Theresa has a new address and phone number: 3113 Charles B. Root Wynd., Raleigh, NC 27612. Phone: 919-322-2308.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - We need Gallon Ziplock Bags Filled with: Combs, shampoo, toothbrush & paste, meal bars, peanut butter crackers, gum, beef jerky, Chapstick, socks, gloves, hand and foot warmers, etc. 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.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. **No more Campbell's soup labels, as they have discontinued that program.** Please continue to save the boxtops. Thanks to each of you for your participation. This is an on-going project so keep placing your donations in our Red Bird Mission box on the table in the Welcome Center. - Marie Brown
- **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
8/27	Aaron Buchanan	Bruce Ikard	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Glenna / Sparks Family
9/3	Mike Murphy	Kathey Hollifield	Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist	Buchanan Family / Brandy Miller
9/10	Chelsea Thayer	Sharon Drum	Jerry & Phyllis Currie	Glenna / Sparks Family
9/17	Sharon Drum	Glenna Tasedan	Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin	TBA

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; for those seeking employment; for all teachers and educators; Those who suffer from racism
- **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members; Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Anna Baird, Bea White, June Wilson*); M-Y Parish Food Bank, Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; for those in addiction, for recovery & sobriety in 2017; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children; victims of child abuse; *Beth Wyatt*; Blue Ridge Regional Hospital; Laura Curtis Hodges; Angelina (Nancy Ball's Granddaughter); *Shirley McManus (hospitalized/infection)*; Mary John Dye (recovering); *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby)
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Russ Rowe; the family of Mary Lou Howell
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath)*; Martha Wrenn (Pastor Jody Griffin's Daughter); *Frank Baskin*; Alan Beaver (Heart tests); Sue Lanier (Heart); Diane Ledford (recovery); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure/surgery); Sheilah Sockwell
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); Shirley Hise; Vicki Elliot (cancer, fall /broken bone); Bob Brunning; Kelly Kline; Sherry McKinney; *Jim Sockwell (prostate)*; Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; *Jim Smith (more chemotherapy)*; Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard (Brian Center rehab - room 121); David Hamlyn (pituitary - surgery 8/18); Ken Riley; Mike Queen
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; Ruth Buchanan (Louise Hembree's mother); David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Barbara Henline; *Evelyn Hughes (leg)*, *Reg Bezzola (infection & hospitalization)*; Mike Snyder (Parkinsons); Loretta Barber; *Ken & Sue Phillips (Ken - fall - Sue - Parkinsons)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Victims of Charlottesville violence
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); The Mitchell-Yancey UM Parish (Bakersville-Deyton Bend-Red Hill); The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marine Corps); Jeff Howell (Army); Sam Howell, Tucker McElrath

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			
22 nd - Frank Baskin, Wendy Beaver		20 th - Alan & Cynthia Beaver, Eddie & Beth Bell	23 rd - Louis & Sandra Woodard	24 th - Tony & Marina Woodby	25 th - Jim & Sheilah Sockwell
PRESENCE:		August 13th, 2017		9:00 - 35 11:00 - 103	
GIFTS	August 13th, 2017	General Fund - \$4,345.00		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$139,204.00		YTD Budget Need: \$137,937.04	
		Children's Offering - \$77.92		Stop Hunger Now	
		Stop Hunger Now - \$167.00			
		Community Assistance - \$200.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 19	

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

Lector: Kathey Hollifield Greeters: Tony Woodby / Jack Riley Children's Time: Glenna Tasedan
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Margaret Troxler/Deyton Family Offertory: Aaron & Grace Buchanan

WITNESS: ROMANS 12:21 TELLS US, "DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD." OFTEN THE BEST PROTEST AGAINST THE BAD IS THE PRACTICE OF THE GOOD. AMID THE RACIAL AND POLITICAL DIVISIONS IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS ONE GOOD, CONSTRUCTIVE THING THAT YOU (AND OUR CHURCH) CAN DO TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE BETWEEN PEOPLE? HOW CAN YOU NOT ONLY PROTEST OR STAND AGAINST THAT WHICH IS EVIL, BUT CREATE A POSITIVE SOMETHING BETTER? HOW CAN YOU WITNESS TO CHRIST BY OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD?

****Next Week's Scripture - August 27th, 2017****

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20