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August 6th, 2017

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Peter Constantian - Duke Pastoral Intern

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Kathy Miller, Organist
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

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

JANE DEVOS

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**

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

UMH 185

^**Prayer of Confession**

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,
and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your being, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.'
No other commandment is greater than these.
All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

After a period of reflection

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever.
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.”)

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory

“River in Judea”
IN MEMORY OF NORM SCHULMAN

MICHAEL MURPHY
EUPHONIUM

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Children’s Message

TROY HOILMAN

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.)

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD’S WORD

^ Scripture Reading

Romans 9:1-12

NT 149

Proclamation of the Word

“You are not my people”

PASTORAL INTERN PETER CONSTANTIAN

HOLY COMMUNION & RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Anthem

“Jesu, Son of God Most Holy”

CHANCEL CHOIR

Silent Prayers of Examination and Confession

^The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

^The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing Holy Communion

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during Holy Communion:

UMH 614 - “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

UMH 617 - “I Come with Joy”

UMH 624 - “Bread of the World”

Prayers of the People

^Sending Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

^Benediction

^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

- **TODAY IS OUR DUKE DIVINITY INTERN PETER CONSTANTIAN'S LAST SUNDAY WITH US.** We are grateful to God for Peter's ministry with us and for his leading of worship and preaching of the Word today. God bless you Peter!
- **PASTOR JEREMY AND HIS FAMILY ARE AWAY ON VACATION THIS WEEK AT THE BEACH.** - They will be returning next Saturday.
- **NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK.** Summit & Hilltoppers will resume next Sunday.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - this Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, August 10 at 5 pm in the FaithLink Ckassroom.
- **ONE DAY WITH GOD CAMP- SATURDAY, AUGUST 19** - There is an urgent need for volunteers for the camp which will take place at Avery Mitchell Correctional Facility. Volunteers can also work with the caregivers that day at our church. Applications are in the Welcome Center, and need to be returned to the Church Office by Thursday, August 10th.
- **SPRC AND PARENTS' MEETING WITH CANDIDATE FOR NURSERY ASSISTANT POSITION - NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 11 AM WORSHIP** - Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and any parents of young children who want to join us are invited to meet after worship next week with a candidate for the position to assist with our nursery.

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
8/13	Tracy Deyton	Bruce Ikard	Sandra Woodard / Dottie Myers	Willett Family / Becky Nance
8/20	Kathey Hollifield	Glenna Tasedan	Tony Woodby / Jack Riley	Deyton Family /Margaret Troxler
8/27	Aaron Buchanan	Mike Murphy	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Glenna / Sparks Family

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
- **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; those who struggle in marriage; Jackie Boone (*Mable Whiton's niece*); the broken-hearted; victims of child abuse; Peter (*Marvin's brother in law*); Ronnie Robinson (quadriplegic); Hurricane Matthew survivors (*Joyce & Virginia*); *Beth Wyatt*; Blue Ridge Regional Hospital; Shawford Family; Laura Curtis Hodges; Angelina (Nancy Ball's Granddaughter); *Jon & Melanie Jirka; Shirley McManus (hospitalized/infection; Bryan Oliver (job); Mary John Dye (hospitalized - infection); Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (expecting baby any day)*
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Bill Bureson (*Martha Long's Brother*); the family of Luis Garcia
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Glenna Tasedan (blood clots); Bruce Ikard (heart cath); Kylie Hamilton; Martha Wrenn (Pastor Jody Griffin's Daughter); Frank Baskin; Alan Beaver (Heart tests); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure/surgery)*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** *Judy Rinard; Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Shirley Hise; Vicki Elliot (cancer, fall /broken bone); Bob Brunning; Chris Askeland (colon cancer/surgery); Kelly Kline (inoperable); Sherry McKinney; Jim Sockwell (prostate); Donald Jones (tumor); Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; Jim Smith (more chemotherapy); Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); David Hamlyn (pituitary - surgery August 18th)*
- **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; Madeline McKenzie; Florence Dellinger (heart); Luis Ferguson; Joyce Alvarez (spider bite); Bob Richards (Kidney); Ken Lentz (illness)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Families of C-130 Crash Victims in Mississippi
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove - Vance Memorial); 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		
6 th - Diedre Nipper	9 th - Jon Jirka	12 th - Ken Carroll, Kristen Drum	9 th - Jamie & Sherry Bell	10 th - Sam & Tracy Deyton	11 th - Glenn & Becky Nance
PRESENCE:		July 30th, 2017		9:00 - 38 11:00 - 110	
GIFTS	July 30th, 2017	General Fund - \$5,920.00		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$130,389.00		YTD Budget Need: \$129,316.60	
		Children's Offering - \$85.63		One Day With God Camp	
		Community Assistance - \$120.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 18	

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

Lector: Jane DeVos Greeters: Betty Sparks / Martha Long Children's Time: Troy Hoilman
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Glenna Tasedan / Meredith Hoilman Offertory: Mike Murphy

WITNESS: ROMANS 8: 24-25 REMINDS US, "WE WERE SAVED IN HOPE. IF WE SEE WHAT WE HOPE FOR, THAT ISN'T HOPE. WHO HOPES FOR WHAT THEY ALREADY SEE? BUT IF WE HOPE FOR WHAT WE DON'T SEE, WE WAIT FOR IT WITH PATIENCE." SOMETIMES BEING A WITNESS TO CHRIST MEANS CHOOSING TO LIVE WITH HOPE EVEN WHEN LIFE IS DIFFICULT OR PAINFUL: WE WAIT PATIENTLY FOR THAT WHICH WE CANNOT YET SEE. HOW CAN YOU LIVE AS A PERSON OF HOPE, EVEN AMID THE CHALLENGES YOU ARE FACING?

****Next Week's Scripture - August 13th, 2017****

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33