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October 1st, 2017

17th Sunday after Pentecost / World
Communion Sunday

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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 WE CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ALONGSIDE OTHER CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

TIM DRUM

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, & PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH 620

^Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Heavenly Father,

**we join today with our sisters and brothers around the world
to remember Christ's gift and his sacrifice for us.**

**For the opportunity to pray and to eat and to drink together in his name,
and for the life that we have received through him, we give you thanks and praise.**

**As we share Holy Communion today we remember Christ's prayer that we might all be one:
yet we confess to you the ways that we have divided your human family,
especially your church.**

Look in mercy upon us now, and help us to live as one people in you.

Help us to see all people as your children.

Help us to see ourselves as your children.

**Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,
and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation:**

Help us to share in all things with your family.

**We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

Hear now the good news:
while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again for us
as proof of God's love.
In name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be 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.")

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory

KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

Children's Message

GREG HOILMAN

Children's Change Offering

SHEPHERD'S STAFF / M-Y PARISH FOOD PANTRY

(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**

Matthew 21:23-32

NT 22

Proclamation of the Word

"Authority Figure"

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

Anthem

"Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World"

CHANCEL CHOIR

HOLY COMMUNION & RESPONSE TO THE WORD

^ **The Great Thanksgiving / The Lord's Prayer**

Sharing Holy Communion

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

Worship & Song 3173 - "Table of Plenty"

Worship & Song 3167 - "Feed Us Lord"

Worship & Song 3168 - "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayers of the People

^ **Sending Hymn**

"I Come With Joy"

UMH 617

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response**

"Become to Us the Living Bread"

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.
- **MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SPUMC?** We will be holding a new members class in October: if you might be interested in formally joining the congregation, please speak with Pastor Jeremy, email him at spumcpastor@bellsouth.net, or call him at 828-467-8743.

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HILLTOPPERS AND SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY!** - All kids (K-5th grades) and youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to meet at the church from 5:30 - 7:30pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith.
- **LAMPLIGHTERS VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND REFRESHER - TONIGHT AT 7PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** - New and returning volunteers are expected to attend to prepare for this week's start of our Afterschool Reading Program.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:00 am in the parlor. They will discuss "The Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig.
- **LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH @ 5:30PM** - We will be preparing for our annual Charge Conference meeting by prayerfully nominating persons to serve in positions of leadership in the coming year.
- **STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - NEXT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH @ 5:30PM** - in preparation for Charge Conference
- **YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KAIROS #2 WEEKEND AT MOUNTAINVIEW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT 2PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.** The Kairos closing ceremony is a truly special, spiritual time where the men at the prison give testimonies as to what the Kairos experience has meant to them. If you would like to hear these inspiring stories and also attend as an act of loving support, please fill out the application in the Welcome Center and return it to church **by next Sunday, October 8th.**

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION** - November 12-17th we are sponsoring a building team to Lumberton, NC due to the October 2016 Hurricane Matthew. We will be working to get families from temporary housing into their own homes through UMCOR. We will be staying at Chestnut Street UMC. No experience is required. There are still hundreds of families in temporary housing in Lumberton alone. For more information contact Marvin at 765-0663.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Winter is coming. We need: 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.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. **No more Campbell's soup labels, as Campbells has discontinued that program.** Please continue to save the box tops. 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
10/8	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
10/15	Marvin Walker	Glenna Tasedan	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller
10/22	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Grant & Quincy Sparks	Meredith & Emree Hoilman
10/29	Sharon Drum	Mike Murphy	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Grace Buchanan / Margaret Troxler

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; Kairos #2 at MVCI
- **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, Ruth Buchanan, Shirley McManus, Barbara Henline*); 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; *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); *Nancy Moody; Joy Chissolm*
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Ben Bonner; the family of Mike Queen; the family of Doris Terrell
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath.); Frank Baskin; Alan Beaver (heart procedure); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure); David Hamlyn (recovery); George Wray (hip surgery); Judy Broadway (hip surgery); Jay Sullivan (surgery); Jack Chandler (tests)*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; *Jim Smith (chemo)*; Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard; Evangeline Wyatt (friend of Lorraine Campbell); Russell Carroll; Marty Kind (Paul Kind's father); Carmen Finkle (cancer gene); Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Jamie Brown; Diane Wayard
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Evelyn Hughes (leg), Reg Bezzola (infection); Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Ken & Sue Phillips; Suzie (broken hip); Sandra Sherwood (broken hip); Don Gordon; Bobby Boone (heart failure); James Burlson (leg injury)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; victims of the Earthquake in Mexico; Gloria's Cousin Lucy
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** 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)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Tim & Laurie Cahill and Baby (sick child); *Neil Brown (mission work in Florida)*
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		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
2 nd - Madeline McKenzie		6 th - Ed Martin	
5 th - Bert & Diane Sheeley			
PRESENCE:		September 24 th , 2017	
		9:00 - 26	11:00 - 100
GIFTS	September 24 th , 2017	Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
	General Fund - \$5,019.00	YTD Budget Need: \$163,798.36	
	Year to Date - \$163,683.84	Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries	
	Children's Offering - \$52.65		
	UMCOR Flood Relief - \$263.00		
	Community Assistance - \$120.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 23	

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

Lector: Tim Drum Greeters: Wayne & Wanda Henline Children's Time: Greg Hoilman
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: C. Thayer/Q. Sparks/M. Troxler Offertory: Kathey Hollifield

WITNESS: THE LIST OF NAMES IN ROMANS 16 IS A REMINDER THAT GOD REACHES OUT TO THE WORLD THROUGH INDIVIDUAL LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST. THAT LIST OF NAMES INCLUDES YOU. THE CHRISTIANS PAUL LISTS "WORK HARD IN THE LORD," ARE "BENEFACTORS," "RISK THEIR LIVES" FOR OTHERS, HOST MEETINGS IN THEIR HOMES, AND ARE "APPROVED BY CHRIST," AMONG OTHER THINGS. WHAT CAN BE SAID OF YOU AND YOUR OWN WITNESS TO THE LOVE OF CHRIST? WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO TO BE INCLUDED ON THIS LIST?

****Next Week's Scripture - October 8th, 2017****

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46