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October 8th, 2017

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

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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.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

BRUCE IKARD

Prelude

"Rondeau"

MARC-ANTOINE CHARPENTIER

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

"In Christ Alone"

WORSHIP & SONG 3105

^Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Almighty, all-merciful God,
through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another,
to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies.
In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.
Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ.
Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation.
Establish among us a future where peace reigns,
justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.
We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession and prayer)

Friends, this Good News is for all the world:
Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again

to save us from sin and death, to free us from guilt and fear.
In Christ is forgiveness and new life: be at peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

^ **Hymn of Praise** **“My Hope Is Built”** **UMH 368**

^ **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 **“Creation Sings”** **MICHAEL MURPHY - TROMBONE**

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

Children’s Message **TRACY CARROLL**

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.)

Call to Prayer **“Kum Ba Yah” (vs. 2)** **UMH 494**

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem **“When in Our Music God is Glorified”** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

^ **Scripture Reading** **Matthew 21:33-46** **NT 22**

Proclamation of the Word **“The Violent Vineyard”** **REV. JEREMY TROXLER**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** **UMH 577**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Dona Nobis Pacem”** **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.

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.
- **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING** - Briefly today, in the parlor after the 11:00 Worship Service.
- **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.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - A new home is under construction in Ledger for a family of three, Jessica, Joey and Waylon. Anyone able to help in any way is invited to attend the workday this Saturday October 14th, 9:00 - 12:30. No skill or age requirements. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to caravan to the work site. For information call Marvin at 765-0663
- **STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH @ 5:30PM** - in preparation for Charge Conference
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, October 18 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meal is sponsored by the Mission Team.
- **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 this 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
10/15	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
11/5	Greg Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
11/12	Grant Sparks	Melanie Murphy	Ed & Jan Banta	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton

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 (Ruth Buchanan, Shirley McManus, Barbara Henline); 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; *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); *Nancy Moody*; Joy Chissolm; Anna Katherine Chambers
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Ben Bonner; the family of Mike Queen; the family of Doris Terrell, the Wright Family
- **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 Burleson (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
8 th Randy Hembree	9 th Pat Ross	10 th Michael Briggs	11 th Norma Smith	12 th Becky Nance	13 th Greg Stanbery	14 th David Goodnight	13 th - Tom & Eva Jobin
PRESENCE:		October 1st, 2017			9:00 - 24 11:00 - 90		
GIFTS	October 1st, 2017		General Fund - \$4,183.00			Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
			Year to Date - \$167,866.84			YTD Budget Need: \$168,108.58	
			Children's Offering - \$33.48			Shepherd's Staff	
			Children's Offering - \$33.48			M-Y Parish Food Pantry	
			World Communion Sunday - \$273.00			November Mission Trip - \$75.00	
			Community Assistance - \$145.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 28	

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...
 Lector: Bruce Ikard Greeters: Margaret McGraw / Freddy Jones Children's Time: Tracy Carroll
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton Offertory: Michael Murphy

WITNESS: IN A WORLD WITH SO MUCH VIOLENCE AND RANCOR, PART OF WHAT IT MEANS TO WITNESS TO CHRIST IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF PEACEABLENESS WITH YOUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS: NOT MERELY TO HAVE OUR THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS JERKED AROUND BY EVERY PASSING STORY ON THE EVENING NEWS, BUT TO DRAW FROM THE DEEP, ABIDING, AND ETERNAL WELL OF FAITH AND LOVE. HOW MIGHT YOU BE SUCH A WITNESS TODAY?

****Next Week's Scripture - October 15th, 2017****
 Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14