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September 3rd, 2017

13th 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

MICHAEL MURPHY

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

"There's Something About That Name"

UMH 171

^Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We confess before you our blindness of heart, our poverty of life,
our littleness, our meanness, and our sin.

We have not followed after Christ.

We have not given love to the loveless and the lost.

Forgive us and change our lives, O God.

Give us light so that we may be light to those whose lives are darkened.

Give us life so that we may be life-giving to the dying.

Help and uphold us when the temptations of the world press upon us.

Show us your will, that we may serve you rightly.

Strengthen us when our hearts grow weak, when hope and faith flicker and fail within us.

Raise us when we fall; give us the power to stand;

lend us the guiding light of your cross,

and lead us home to where shadows are no more.

In the name of Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

- (from a prayer by Lauchlan Maclean Watt, 1867-1957)

^ **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 **“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”** RANDY HEMBREE

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

Children’s Message KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

Children’s Change Offering BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRIES (TRI-CITIES)

(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 12:1-8** NT 152

Proclamation of the Word **“The Forest and the Trees”** REV. JEREMY TROXLER

Anthem **“Heaven” (Medley)** 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:

UMH 620 - “One Bread, One Body”

UMH 624 - “Bread of the World”

UMH 629 - “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Prayers of the People

^ **Sending Hymn** **“Help Us Accept Each Other”** UMH 560

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Fill My Cup, Lord”** 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.

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NO HILLTOPPERS AND SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY** - Due to the Labor Day Holiday. Summit and Hilltoppers will resume next Sunday, when 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.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 am in the parlor.
- **PERSON OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY** - This study will be held at 5 PM on Tuesdays in the Welcome Center of Spruce Pine UMC starting on September 5, 2017. All are invited to attend this study of Jesus as a person and how he interacted with the people we have heard about in various New Testament stories. This is an interactive study with no homework. If you need any further information please call Nancy Ball at (843-507-1196).
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - this Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **UMW NIGHTINGALE CIRCLE** - will meet Monday, September 11th at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Center.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, September 14th at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **VARSITY FOOTBALL MEAL** - The UMW will be feeding the Varsity football team on Friday, September 15 at 3:15 pm in the Fellowship hall. We are requesting monetary donations to purchase 13 family sized Lasagnas. There will be a sign-up sheet for other items on Sunday, after church. Please make checks out to UMW-Nightingale Circle or cash to Ima, Marie, or Sharon. God Bless You.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - September 20, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Chancel Choir.
- **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.

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 they have 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 |
|------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9/10 | Chelsea Thayer | Sharon Drum | Jerry & Phyllis Currie | Glenna / Sparks Family |
| 9/17 | Sharon Drum | Glenna Tasedan | Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin | TBA |
| 9/24 | Dwight Willett | Melanie Murphy | Evelyn Hughes / Betty Sparks | TBA |
| 10/1 | Tim Drum | Greg Hoilman | Wayne & Wanda Henline | 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 Jessie Ray); Grace's friend (struggles with pregnancy and marriage), Amanda (struggling friend); *Nancy Moody*; Norega Family; New-to-area Single Mom
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Ken Riley; the family of Vicki Elliott; the family of Jewel Hooper; the family of Jack Swofford; the family of Ted Buchanan
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath); Frank Baskin; Alan Beaver (Heart tests); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure/surgery); David Hamlyn (recovery); Sheilah Sockwell*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** *Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Shirley Hise; 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; Mike Queen; Evangeline Wyatt (friend of Lorraine Campbell); Russell Carroll; Jennifer Martin*
- **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); Mike Snyder (Parkinsons); Ken & Sue Phillips (Ken/fall - Sue/Parkinsons); Melissa Johnson (stress fracture)*
- **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); 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 (Marine Corps); Jeff Howell (Army); Sam Howell, Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Tim & Laurie Cahill and Baby (sick child)
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 | | | | | | |
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| 3 rd - Mary Wray | 4 th - Tim Drum II | 5 th - Jyl Duffy | 6 th - Richie Ritter | 8 th - Angie White | 9 th - Ken Lentz | 9 th - Kathy Miller |
| PRESENCE: | | August 27th, 2017 | | 9:00 - 38 11:00 - 91 | | |
| GIFTS | August 27th, 2017 | General Fund - \$5,317.00 | | Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22 | | |
| | | Year to Date - \$147,363.59 | | YTD Budget Need: \$146,557.48 | | |
| | | Children's Offering - \$64.75 | | Stop Hunger Now | | |
| | | "Stop Hunger Now" - \$30.00 | | Memorial to Ken Riley from Hickey Memorial Class | | |
| | | "Stop Hunger Now" - \$100.00 | | Hickey Memorial Class | | |
| | | Community Assistance - \$255.00 | | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 27 | | |

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

Lector: Michael Murphy Greeters: Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Buchanan Family / Brandy Miller Offertory: Randy Hembree

WITNESS: ROMANS 12:1-8 SPEAKS OF THE UNIQUE AND DIFFERENT GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US, AND HOW WE ARE MEANT TO BOTH USE OUR OWN GIFTS FOR THE COMMON GOOD, AND TO HONOR THE GIFTS THAT OTHERS HAVE TO OFFER. WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS? WHAT ARE YOU "NATURALLY" OR "SUPER-NATURALLY" GOOD AT? HOW ARE YOU OFFERING THOSE GIFTS TO GOD AND TO OTHERS FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND TO WITNESS TO CHRIST?

****Next Week's Scripture - September 10th, 2017****

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149 or 148, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20