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April 29th, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

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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 IS THE 5TH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF EASTER. THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS FAR TOO BIG TO BE CELEBRATED ON ONLY ONE DAY: IN A WAY, EVERY SUNDAY IS A LITTLE EASTER, A REMINDER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. WITHIN THE CHURCH, EASTER IS NOT JUST ONE DAY, BUT A SEASON OF 50 DAYS (7 SUNDAYS) IN WHICH WE CELEBRATE THE WAYS THAT CHRIST LIVES AMONG US, AROUND US, AND IN US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE STORY OF CHRIST'S LIFE HAS NOT ENDED: WE ARE LIVING ITS NEXT CHAPTER. PRAISE GOD!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

BRUCE IKARD

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, AND PRAYERS

^**Song of Praise**

"We Are the Church"

UMH 558

^**Easter Greeting**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^**Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus,

**through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised in the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection.**

Yet we confess that we have not lived as an Easter people.

**We are unsure about your promise, confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.**

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.

APRIL /MAY / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES (for 6th-12th graders) WILL MEET TODAY** at 5:30pm at SPUMC.
- **HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (for kids in grades K-5) WILL NOT BE MEETING TODAY:** Pastor Jeremy will be away.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - The May selection for the book club is *The Whistling Season* By Ivan Doig. We will meet May 1st at 10:00 am in the church parlor.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** All are invited to welcome and join us as we pray for the needs of our congregation and world: we especially welcome those who are new to prayer.
- **MISSION PROJECT** - A local family is in need of a roof on their home and has asked for help applying shingles. Please consider helping on Saturday May 5th either on the roof or ground crew. For more information see Marvin Walker 766-5379 or Tony Woodby.
- **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6TH WE WILL RESTART OUR 9AM EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE** with the first service of the 2018 summer and fall season.
- **NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 6TH AT 6PM AT SPUMC WILL BE OUR SPECIAL YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.** The teenagers in our Summit Student Ministry have planned and will be leading the entire service. A special offering will also be taken up to benefit the Lamplighters Afterschool Program. Don't miss it!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our next "CHURCH MEETING NIGHT" (When our Ministry teams and committees meet together at the church) will be Wednesday, June 13th @ 5:30 pm.
- **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** - Beth Moore's *The Patriarchs*. Starting June 7th, here at Spruce Pine UMC. The course is 10 weeks and requires a book (\$17.00). If interested, let Nancy Ball know (843) 597-1196 or by email at hhslabsnancy@gmail.com

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AL-ANON MEETING** - Every Thursday evening here at the church at 7:00 pm in the youth room. Contact numbers for more information are 467-1193 and 704-609-3360.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: 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. 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.

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
 - **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, Bea White, Grace Buchanan - Audrey's roommate); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (Jessica Hoyle, Carolyn Boles, Taylor Byrd - high risk pregnancy); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Laura Curtis Hodges*; Nichole Hoyle; Luke Deyton; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; Jo Thomas; Van McClintick; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Karen Wright; Wilma Garland; *Ginny Downs' father*; June Wilson; Lisa Cook; Irene Sparks; Amanda Arthur
 - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Jeremy Swofford; Lanning family; the *Dailey* family; the family of Robert Dale; the family of Bob McClellan; the family of Paulette Dellinger; *Newton family* (pet)
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Howard Hoilman (lung transplant); Joe Stanton (heart surgery); *Tim Hollifield; Martha Long(intestine); Evelyn Hughes (hip)*; Dan Paton (back)
 - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's* sister); *Jim Smith (radiation)*; Judy Rinard; Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Susan Wilson; Chip Smith (colon cancer); Barbara Miller; Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (chemo); Jada Daniels (lung cancer); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV lung cancer); Ken Anderson (prostate); Oswaldo Hernandez (thyroid cancer); Marcia Huskins Murphy; Jane Glass; Tom Collis (lung cancer); Julian Jones (brain cancer); Natasha Hewlitt (brain cancer)
 - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** David Hoepfner; Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); Aubree (encephalitis); Jesse Wray (accident); Brandon Thomas (car accident); Pastor Don Sneller (fall); Suzanne Dayton, *Tracy Carroll; Jack Jones (fall)*; Herman Buchanan (pneumonia); Jesus Pineda; Inez McCrae (stroke); Dan Woodby (blood clots)
 - **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; survivors of Toronto attack; Myrna DeLoach and Survivors of Hurricane Matthew
 - **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) ; SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members)
 - **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips; Tarboro Mission Team
- 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.*

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK			
May 3 rd - David Misicka			
PRESENCE:		April 22 nd , 2018	11:00 - 120
GIFTS	April 22nd, 2018	General Fund - \$2,547.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$68,486.22	YTD Budget Need - \$70,352.00
		Children's Offering - \$74.34 - Mission Trip	
		Community Assistance - \$105.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 17

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...
 Lector: Bruce Ikard Greeters: Neil & Marie Brown Children's Time: Sharon Drum
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Rachelle Shock Preschool: Chelsea Thayer Offertory: Randy Hembree

WITNESS: TODAY'S MESSAGE INVITES US TO THINK ABOUT JESUS' CHURCH AS OUR "PEOPLE," OR "TRIBE." HOW HAS YOUR LIFE WITNESSED TO THIS TRUTH? IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU SEEKING TO CARE FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR "TRIBE," AND TO INVITE OTHERS TO BECOME A PART OF IT?

****Next Week's Scripture - May 6th, 2018****
 Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17