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2nd Sunday of Easter

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

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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. LAST SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF GOD'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH. TODAY IS THE 2ND 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 OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

CHELSEA THAYER

Prelude

"Prelude on 'Morning Song'"

TUNE FROM KENTUCKY HARMONY

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

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

WORSHIP & SONG 3008

^Opening Response and Prayer:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray together:

Almighty God,

through your only Son you overcame death

and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

but Christ's resurrection means little to us

if He be risen alone.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection
may also arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
and experience the renewing of your Spirit.

For all praise and all power are yours, 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.”)

^ **Hymn of Praise** “Christ Has Risen” TFWS 2115

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory “I Love to Dwell in Spirit” GLENNA TASEDAN

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

Children’s Message MELANIE MURPHY

Children’s Change Offering TARBORO MISSION TRIP

(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 “Cares Chorus” TFWS 2215

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem “Feed My Lambs” CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** John 21:1-17 NT 110-111

Proclamation of the Word “Do-Over” REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** “How Shall I Come Before the Lord” WORSHIP & SONG 3124

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** “Rule of Life” 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.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THERE WILL BE NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES (students in grades 6-12) OR HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (children 5th grade and younger) MEETING TODAY**
Summit and Hilltoppers will resume their usual schedule on Sunday April 15th.
- **MISSION TEAM LUNCH MEETING** right after church today (Sunday, April 8). We will be discussing the logistics for the Tarboro trip (April 15-20). All Mission Team committee members are also welcome to attend.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30AM 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.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, April 18 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meal is sponsored by the Trustees.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **MISSION TRIP**- Hurricane Matthew devastated several communities in eastern NC in October 2016. We are sending a team to Tarboro, NC from April 15 to April 20 to help rebuild homes in that community. As our previous trips have proven, building skills are not required. We are provided with a place to sleep and cook. United Methodist Committee on Relief provides case management and construction coordination. Please prayerfully consider joining this team for part or all of this week of service. For more information contact Aaron 467-5130 or Marvin 766-5379

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 1st & 3rd Thursdays 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.

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
4/15	Meredith Hoilman	Tracy Carroll	Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin	Grace Buchanan / Joey Stout
4/22	Sharon Drum	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Meredith Hoilman / Jen or Josh Newton
4/29	Bruce Ikard	Sharon Drum	Neil & Marie Brown	Rachelle Shock / Chris Nash
5/6	Marvin Walker	Mike Murphy	Ed & Jan Banta	Quincy Sparks / Brandy Miller
5/13	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Bryan & Chelsea Thayer	Jessica Hoyle / Chelsea Thayer
5/20	Dwight Willett	Kathey Hollifield	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	TBA
5/27	Jane DeVos	Melanie Murphy	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	TBA
6/3	Randy Hembree	Greg Hoilman	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	TBA
6/10	Kathey Hollifield	Tracy Carroll	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	TBA
6/17	Mike Murphy	Glenna Tasedan	Eva & Tom Jobin	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
 - **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, June Wilson*; 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; Gary Baskin; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Karen Wright; Wilma Garland; Lisa Cook
 - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** the family of Sharon Deyton; Gene Lanier & family (death of mother); the family of Jeremy Swofford; Lanning family
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Howard Hoilman (lung transplant); Joe Stanton (heart surgery)
 - **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); Susan Wilson; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (chemo); Jada Daniels (lung cancer); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV lung cancer); Ken Anderson (prostate); Oswaldo Fernandez; Marcia Huskins Murphy
 - **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); *Susan Basini*; Brandon Thomas (car accident); Pastor Don Sneller (fall, broken hip)
 - **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
 - **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); those on Mission Trips; Ben Potter - Army
- 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			
10 th - Zachary Bennett		14 th - Troy Hoilman	
PRESENCE:		April 1 st , 2018	11:00 - 169
GIFTS	April 1 st , 2018	General Fund - \$4,337.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$60,257.62	YTD Budget Need - \$57,161.00
		Children's Offering - \$112.53	Tarboro Mission Trip
		Community Assistance - \$105.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 9

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...
 Lector: Chelsea Thayer Greeters: Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist Children's Time: Melanie Murphy
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Tracy Deyton / Ginny Downs Offertory: Glenna Tasedan

WITNESS: A CHRISTIAN NAMED KARL BARTH WROTE ONCE THAT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS MEANS THAT CHRISTIANS SHOULDN'T WALK AROUND WITH LONG FACES ALL THE TIME: EASTER SHOULD PUT A SMILE ON OUR FACES AND A LAUGH IN OUR HEARTS. TODAY WE CELEBRATE ABIDING JOY: THE JOY OF KNOWING THAT GOD'S MERCY IS GREATER THAN THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD, GREATER THAN DEATH, GREATER THAN OUR BETRAYAL, GREATER THAN OUR SIN, GREATER THAN OUR SUFFERING. LOVE WINS! WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS THIS WEEK BY LAUGHING AT EVIL, BY GRINNING AT HARDSHIP, AND BY REJOICING ALWAYS.

****Next Week's Scripture - April 15th, 2018****
 Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48