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May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday /  
Mother's Day

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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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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! TODAY IS ALSO MOTHER'S DAY WHEN WE RECOGNIZE AND THANK GOD FOR ALL THE WOMEN WHO HAVE MOTHERED US IN THIS LIFE.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

JACK RILEY

### Prelude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

ARR. HAYES

### 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

"Holy, Holy"

TFWS 2039

### ^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

### ^Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and Gracious God,  
in you every family on earth receives its name.  
We praise you that you are tender as a mother,  
as well as strong as a father.**

**Bless the homes of this earth with the light of your love,  
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,  
endurance to those who care for sick family members,  
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.**

**We thank you for the gifts of love that we have received  
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.**

**We seek your healing for the wounds we have suffered from those close to us.  
We humbly confess to the ways that our own words, our actions, and our neglect  
have hurt our family members.**

**We seek your mercy. We ask your forgiveness. We long for reconciliation.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

**O God, as we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.  
Grant us your peace in our hearts and in our homes.  
Through Christ we pray. 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**                                      **“Take Time to Be Holy”**                                      UMH 395

### **Offering our Praises to God/Litany Honoring the Women of the Church**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for our mothers who gave us life!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven  
and whom we miss here on earth:

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now:

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet:

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care:

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on:

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own,  
but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many  
ways. Help us to celebrate the gifts that they have given us, and to forgive where  
they have failed us. We pray that our lives will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

### **Offering our Praises and our Gifts**

**Offertory**                                      **“Abide With Me”**                                      VERNON COULTER

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

**Children's Message**                                      BRUCE IKARD

**Children's Change Offering**                                      KAIROS / M-Y HABITAT

*(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.)*

## Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

**PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Choral Anthem	“We Will Rejoice”	CHANCEL CHOIR
^Scripture Reading	John 17:1, 6-26	NT 106
Proclamation of the Word	“Mama’s Prayer”	REV. JEREMY TROXLER

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH**

^Sending Hymn	“Come Away With Me”	TFWS 2202
^Benediction		
^Choral Response	“Bind Us Together”	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.

**MAY / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY WILL NOT MEET TODAY IN RECOGNITION OF MOTHER’S DAY.** Summit and Hilltoppers will resume next week at 5:30pm.
- **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.
- **OUR MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** will be held next Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6PM.
- **SUGGESTION?** Our Church has a new suggestion box in our Welcome Center. Do you have a good suggestion about how our church can better serve Christ, one another, and our community? Please share it with us.
- **COULD YOU HELP WITH OCCASIONALLY OFFERING A RIDE TO SOMEONE TO CHURCH OR TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?** If so, please let Pastor Jeremy or our Office Manager Tim know. Thank you!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our next “CHURCH MEETING NIGHT” (When our Ministry teams and committees meet together at the church) will be Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm.
- **SPRUCE PINE UMC BOOK CLUB** - June 5 at 10 am in the parlor. The selection for June is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.
- **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** - Beth Moore’s *The Patriarchs*. Starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 [hslabsnancy@gmail.com](mailto:hslabsnancy@gmail.com)
- **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*; *June Wilson*; *Lisa Cook*; *Irene Sparks*; *Amanda Arthur*; *Chris & Mary Wright*; *Barbara Miller*; *John Ahlquist*; *Bob Downs*; *Jabe Largen*
  - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of *Bob McClellan*; the family of *Paulette Dellinger*; *Newton family* (pet)
  - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Tim Hollifield*; *Martha Long*(intestine); *Evelyn Hughes* (hip); *Luke Sherman* (liver); *Joyce LaFar*; *Derek Sockwell*
  - **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); *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); *Louise Weeks* (melanoma); *David Woodby*; *Chase Ambrose*
  - **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); *Barbara Smith* (stress fracture), *Ima Jean & Larry Metcalf*; *Rich Stone* (stomach); *John Brasher* (pneumonia)
  - **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
- 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			ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
15 <sup>th</sup> - Mable Whiton	18 <sup>th</sup> - Shirley McManus	19 <sup>th</sup> - Nelle Glenn	15 <sup>th</sup> - Cole & Melissa Martin	
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>		<b>9:00 - 28    11:00 - 104</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	General Fund - \$6,461.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$80,237.22		YTD Budget Need - \$79,149.00
		Children's Offering - \$42.40 - Kairos		Community Assistance - \$155.00
		Children's Offering - \$42.40 - M-Y Habitat		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 23

**SERVICE:** Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...  
 Lector: Jack Riley                      Greeters: Bryan & Chelsea Thayer                      Children's Time: Bruce Ikard  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Tracy Deyton      Preschool: Jessica Hoyle      Offertory: Vernon Coulter

**WITNESS:** THE ACT OF WITNESSING TO THE LOVE OF CHRIST ARISES FROM PRAYER, AND BEGINS IN OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES. TODAY, REFLECT ON HOW YOU ARE SHOWING THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS, TO YOUR PARENTS, TO YOUR IN-LAWS, TO YOUR SIBLINGS, TO YOUR COUSINS, TO YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. ABOVE ALL, SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING FOR THEM THIS WEEK.

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**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - Pentecost Sunday - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\***  
 Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15