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1st Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

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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 TRINITY SUNDAY, WHEN CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD REMEMBER THE MYSTERY THAT WHEN WE SAY "GOD," WE MEAN FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT: THAT IN CHRIST AND THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES, GOD HAS REVEALED THAT GOD'S ESSENCE IS ONE-IN-THREE AND THREE-IN-ONE. TODAY WE ALSO COMMEMORATE MEMORIAL DAY IN WORSHIP, AS WE REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN WAR OR GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY'S SERVICE.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

TIM DRUM

Prelude

"Arabesque in F"

PETERSON

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

"Glorify Thy Name"

TFWS 2016

^ Statement of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

^ Responsive Opening Prayer

Father Almighty, for your majesty and your mercy-
creating us in your image, loving us still in our waywardness,
forgiving us in our unworthiness:
we bring you our worship, and offer you thanksgiving.

Jesus the Son, our Redeemer, for your humility and your sacrifice -
sharing our joys and sorrows, dying and rising for our salvation:
we bring you our worship, and offer you thanksgiving.

Holy Spirit of God, for your guidance and your encouragement –
inspiring and empowering the church, revealing to us all truth:
we bring you our worship, and offer you thanksgiving.

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the mystery of your being,
for revealing yourself in the Scriptures to be God who is One and God who is Three -
we bring you our worship, and offer you thanksgiving.

^ **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/bleed them with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)

^ **Hymn of Praise** **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** **UMH 64**

Offering our Praises and our Gifts

Offertory **“Hold of my Heart”** **GRANT SPARKS**

Doxology **“Father, We Praise Thee” (vs. 3)** **UMH 680**

Children’s Message **KATHEY HOLLIFIELD**

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.)

Call to Prayer **“Be Still and Know That I Am God”** **TFWS 2057**

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“You Are Holy, Mighty God”** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

^ **Scripture Reading** **Mark 8:22-25 / Ephesians 2:13-20** **NT 41 & 181**

Proclamation of the Word **“Peace Process”** **REV. JEREMY TROXLER**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

Prayer of St. Francis **UMH 481**

^ **Sending Hymn** **“One Is the Body”** **WORSHIP & SONG 3156**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Lord God, Almighty”** **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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY WE WELCOME OUR SUMMER DUKE DIVINITY INTERN, EMILY TURNER.** Please join us in extending welcome and hospitality to Emily.
- **RECEPTION FOR SANDRA AND LOUIS WOODARD** - Today after the 11 o'clock service in the welcome center. Let us send our love and good wishes with them on this new phase of their life!
- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WILL NOT MEET TODAY** because of this Memorial Day Holiday. We will be meeting again at 5:30pm next Sunday at SPUMC.
- **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY** for the Memorial Day Holiday.
- **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.
- **MAY WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH @ 6PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit Kairos. All are welcome!

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 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
- **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.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
- **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE** - We need at least one additional volunteer for our Community Assistance Committee. If interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Pastor Jeremy of the church office manager, Tim Drum.
- **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.

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	PRESCHOOL
6/3	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	Jen/Josh Newton	Ginny Downs
6/10	Kathey Hollifield	Greg Hoilman	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	Margaret Troxler	Chelsea Thayer
6/17	Mike Murphy	Tracy Carroll	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Joey Stout	Meredith Hoilman
6/24	Matt Miller	Ginny Downs	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Jen/Josh Newton	Meredith Hoilman

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*); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Bea White, Grace Buchanan - Audrey's roommate*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; Barbara Miller; John Ahlquist; Bob Downs; David Hoepfner; 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, Leigha Basini); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; Nichole Hoyle; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; Van McClintick; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Karen Wright; Wilma Garland; Lisa Cook; Amanda Arthur; Chris & Mary Wright; Jabe Largen; Susan Carroll; Carol Wilson
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** Sparks family; Hoilman family; Barron family; Orndoff family; Newton family (*Josh's grandfather*); Virginia Alvarez family; Jack Jones family; Charlotte Henline family; Grange family, Frye family
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Tim Hollifield; Martha Long(intestine); Evelyn Hughes (hip)*; Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar; *Barbara Henline*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); *Jim Smith*; 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:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's); Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); Aubree (encephalitis); *Tracy Carroll*; Herman Buchanan (pneumonia); Jesus Pineda; Inez McCrae (stroke); Barbara Smith (stress fracture), Ima Jean & Larry Metcalf; Rich Stone (stomach); John Brasher (pneumonia); Roger Pittman; Ed Terrell (fall); *Jane Lewis*
- **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; 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; Greyson Sundgren (*Ima's Grandson*) and class (mission trip to Peru)

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	
30 th - Jan Banta, Peter Constantian	31 st - Wayne Henline	June 2 nd - Maggie Martin, Margarett McGraw, Sue Phillips	27 th - Tim II & Kristen Drum	
PRESENCE:		May 20th, 2018	9:00 - 39	11:00 - 93
GIFTS	May 20th, 2018	General Fund - \$6,114.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
		Year to Date - \$91,116.22	YTD Budget Need - \$89,943.00	
		Children's Offering - \$22.78 - Kairos	Community Assistance - \$145.00	
		Children's Offering - \$22.78 - M-Y Habitat	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 78	

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

Lector: Tim Drum Greeters: Greg & Meredith Hoilman Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield

Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Sherry Sherman Preschool: Kim Ledford Offertory: Grant Sparks

WITNESS: WHEN JESUS' DISCIPLES BECAME OVERWHELMED BY A SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH THEM ON PENTECOST, THE HOLY SPIRIT DROVE THEM OUT INTO THE STREETS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOODNESS. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST CAN NEVER BE KEPT TO OURSELVES - IT IS CONTAGIOUS, IT OVERFLOWS THE CUP OF OUR HEART, IT SPILLS OVER THE BOUNDS OF OUR SELVES, IT MOVES US FROM OUR PEWS OUT INTO THE STREETS AND EVEN DEAD-END ROADS. HOW ARE YOU ALLOWING THAT GRACE TO FLOW BEYOND YOUR OWN LIFE INTO THE LIFE OF OTHERS? HOW ARE YOU INVITING OTHERS TO KNOW THAT SAME ABUNDANT LOVE?

****Next Week's Scripture - June 3rd, 2018****

1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6