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May 6th, 2018

6th 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 6TH 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

MARVIN WALKER

Prelude

"Communion Meditation"

ARR. JOHNSON

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

"God Leads Us Along"

WORSHIP & SONG 3031

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 23)

Leader:

Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving.

Help us now to trust the greatness of your mercy.

Help us to pray honestly as we make our confession and restore our relationship with you:

(time for silent prayer)

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we confess that we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have sought after things that we do not need.
We have resisted the green pastures you have offered us.
We have refused to rest by your still waters.
We have followed wrong paths.
We have lived in fear of evil.
We have not trusted your comfort.
We have not loved our enemies.
We have doubted your goodness and mercy.
Good shepherd, forgive us and restore our souls.
Help us to know you beside us even in the darkest valleys,
so that our cup overflows with blessing,
and we may joyfully dwell in your house 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/bleed them with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)

Offering our Praises and our Gifts

Offertory “Near the River” SHARON & TIM DRUM

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

Children’s Message

MIKE MURPHY

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.)

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

^Scripture Reading Psalm 23 UMH 754

Proclamation of the Word “The Shepherd Song” REV. JEREMY TROXLER

Choral Anthem “Bread of Heaven” CHANCEL CHOIR

HOLY COMMUNION AND RESPONSE TO THE WORD

^The Great Thanksgiving / The Lord’s Prayer UMH 15-16

Sharing Holy Communion

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during Holy Communion:

*Worship & Song 3167 - “Feed Us, Lord”
Worship & Song 3168 - “Come to the Table of Grace”
Worship & Song 3169 - “You Feed Us, Gentle Savior”*

Prayers of the People

^Sending Hymn “He Leadeth Me” UMH 128

^Benediction

^Choral Response “Dona Nobis Pacem” 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

- **SPECIAL YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: TONIGHT AT 6 PM!** 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!
- **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.
- **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 13th @ 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 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.

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
5/13	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Bryan & Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton	Jessica Hoyle
5/20	Dwight Willett	Sharon Drum	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	Rachelle Shock	Melanie Murphy
5/27	Tim Drum	Kathey Hollifield	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Sherry Sherman	Kim Ledford
6/3	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	Jen/Josh Newton	Ginny Downs

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; Chris & Mary Wright
 - **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); Luke Sherman (liver)*
 - **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); Barbara Miller (Phil White's Mother); *Louise Weeks (melanoma)*
 - **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
 - **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		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
7 th - Betty Sparks		8 th - Lila Baskin	
12 th - Sharon & Tim Drum			
PRESENCE:		May 6 th , 2018	
GIFTS	May 6 th , 2018	General Fund - \$5,290.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$73,776.22	YTD Budget Need - \$74,749.00
		Children's Offering - \$88.05 - M-Y Meds	Mission Trip - \$100.00
		Community Assistance - \$5.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 17

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...
 Lector: Marvin Walker Greeters: Framton & Danna Gibson Children's Time: Mike Murphy
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Quincy Sparks Preschool: Brandy Miller Offertory: Sharon & Tim Drum

WITNESS: THE WORDS OF PSALM 23 ARE AMONG THE MOST WELL-KNOWN AND BELOVED IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE. WHERE HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED THIS PSALM IN YOUR LIFE? WHICH OF ITS VERSES SPEAKS MOST POWERFULLY TO YOU? HOW MIGHT THIS PSALM OFFER YOU WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE CHARACTER OF GOD TO OTHERS?

****Next Week's Scripture - May 13th, 2018****

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19