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April 12th, 2020

Easter Sunday

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ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“The Lord Reigneth”

Arr. Glyncannon

Easter Greetings from your SPUMC Family

Greeting / Call to Worship

Dwight Willett

(Call to Worship Based on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – UMH 384)

Lord, breathe into every troubled soul your loving Spirit,

And surround us with your all in all.

Help us find rest along our wilderness journey,

And comfort us during times of darkness.

You are the Alpha and Omega,

The beginning and the end of our faith walk.

Give our heart and minds true liberty, that we can worship and serve You.

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

UMH 302

Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace

Dwight Willett

On this day of new life and resurrection, let us join together in prayer...

Surprising and awesome God, because of You, the world is different. Easter rebirths our senses so that we can hear all of Creation singing songs of life to you. We live among the ordinary, but You hurl us into Your mystery. We are alive in the wonder of resurrection and new life. Your healing overshadows our hurtful memories. Reconciliation grows out of dead dreams. Insights flow from frustrating despair and hardened perceptions. We are alive with hope and joy. Fill our hearts with joy, our minds with hope, and set us upon your Easter path. Amen.

Children's Message

Sharon Drum

Special Music

"Do You Love Me?"

Grant Sparks

Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18 CEB

CEB 1321

Proclamation of the Word

"Easter Emptiness"

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

"The Love of God"

Aaron Buchanan

Closing Hymn

"Easter People Raise Your Voices"

UMH 304

Benediction and Benediction Music

"Hallelujah!"



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RICK

Hello all. As the practice of "social distancing" to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus continues, we at SPUMC are adhering to the North Carolina United Methodist Bishops' recommendation to suspend public worship, which now has been extended until further notice. The Bishops, who are following CDC guidelines for public gatherings, will let us know when it will be okay for public worship gatherings. Again, we are doing this out of prevention; we are not acting out of fear. Because of this, this reality affects us in numerous ways. Since we aren't able to spend time with each other in worship and fellowship, we need to make an effort to reach out to others via phone, text, email, and social media. We especially need to reach out to those who are most vulnerable to illness, and those who might not typically get visitors.

We will continue to record the sermon and other portions of a typical "in-person" worship service to help keep us connected. Our goal is to post the videos to our church website and our Facebook page by Saturday evenings, so that you can watch and worship at your convenience – no matter the day or time.

In addition, we are reminding you that the church's ministry doesn't stop in the midst of this crisis. Please continue to send your tithes and offerings every week. You can send them via the "Donate Now" tab on our church website. Here's the direct link to the "Donate Now" page:

http://sprucepineumc.org/NewSite/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=151

You can also mail your tithes/offerings to the church at "Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 226 South Hwy., Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support during this trying time. We will get through this together as a church family and community. Let's continue to shine God's light of love and mercy to the world in need!

In humble service with you...Pastor Rick

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.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMONS ON VIDEO! Our website www.sprucepineumc.org has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

COVID-19 FACE MASKS If you are making your own cloth face mask, consider adding a piece of vacuum cleaner bag material. This will help filter out smaller particles. Simply wrap it in the cloth you are using.

FLOWER CALENDAR - SPUMC now has a "**Flower Calendar**" for those who would like to remember, honor, or celebrate their friends and loved ones. Located near the bulletin boards (near the Welcome Center), please fill in the date(s) in which you plan to have flowers in the sanctuary, and in whose honor/memory they are for.

CHURCH WORKDAY – We had a church workday scheduled for Saturday, March 21, with an alternate date of Saturday, March 28. Given the situation we're facing with "social distancing" to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are postponing them to a later date. However, there is much outside work that needs to be done. So, if you are bored, or need to get out of your house, or want some quality time with your family or small group of 10 or less people, we invite you to come out any day and anytime to help spruce up the outside of our church. We are in desperate need of weed removal from all the flower beds around the church. Although, this isn't the most glamorous job, it needs to be done – so that we can show our community that we are expecting them to visit. We were hoping to get all the outside sprucing up done before Easter, so if you can spare some time, please come pull some weeds. Thank you for caring about your church and the community we serve.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON – Larry Bohannon Goldman is the contact person for the 2nd quarter (beginning in April) and may be called then is someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we return)

(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 |
|------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 4/19 | Tim Drum | Bruce Ikard | Lloyd & Nelle Glenn | Becky Nance | Tracy Deyton |
| 4/26 | Bruce Ikard | Troy Hoilman | Stan & Lisa Cook | Meredith Hoilman | Emree Hoilman |
| 5/3 | Marvin Walker | Chelsea Thayer | Bobbi Abele / Danna Gibson | Jessica Hoyle | Joey Stout |
| 5/10 | Jack Riley | Sharon Drum | James & Janet Ouzts | Katie Willett | Larry Bohannon |

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 (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Kathy Baker; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for those struggling to stay warm; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; *Beth Ziemba's* Daughter in law's pregnancy; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother – health*); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: family of Christine Gortney; family of Elizabeth Davenport; family of Claire Spence; family of Cleve Jacobs, family of Trace Magner; the family of Lori Haythorn; the family of Kameron Wilson; the family of Melanie's cousin Mike; family of Frankie Buntz; *for the family of Sue Phillips*; the family of Marlene Clark; the family of Kathey's niece Roxanne; the family of Vernon George Grindstaff, Jr., for the family of Daryl McKinney; the family of Becky Hoilman (Bill Hoilman – grief); the family of Mariana Jaeger; the family of Benna Davenport (Audrey's Daughter in Law); the family of Jana Bartleson

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan; Carolyn Sproles; Neil Brown (recovery); Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoepfner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); *Beverly Greene (recovery)*; Larry Lanning (surgery); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; *Starli's dad Tommy (surgery)*; Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Brenda (*Lila's daughter-in-law's sister, life support*); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's uncle David Wilson*; *James Ouzts (Shoulder Surgery)*; Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis' friend – chemo/kidney failure*); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; Richard (Marvin's friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck (medical)*; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's neighbor – heart attack*); Bruce Hobson (suffering from Vertigo for 3 months); Satyra Askeland (fall, broken leg and ankle); Brooke (kidney infection); *Eva Jobin (gallbladder)*; John Lacey - sepsis; *Lucy Murphy (health issues)*; *Maria Walker (Covid-19)*

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's; solutions to gun violence; Bahamas residents; for the people of Australia; the situation in Iraq; for the people of Nashville (tornado victims); for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for workers and business owners who are hurting now

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: 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); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff; Peter Constantian

FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY: Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (new teacher in Istanbul); *Tim Hollifield's sister (Pakistan)*; Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); Laura & Alex Sharpe (Mission Trip to Guatemala); Ben Potter (Army); *Glenna's daughter (China)*; Justin Arnold – Samaritan's Purse - Bahamas

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick 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 |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 14 – Troy Hoilman | 15 – Tracy Carroll | 16 – Dolly Phillips | 18 – Donnie Peters | 14 – Reg Bezzola & Beth Wyatt |
| PRESENCE: | | April 5 th , 2020 | | COVID 19 - Online only |
| GIFTS | April 5 th , 2020 | General Fund - \$1,425.00 | | Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75 |
| | | Year to Date - \$66,814.40 | | YTD Budget Need – \$68,778.50 |
| | | | | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -0 |

WITNESS: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THIS TROUBLING TIME, HOLD ON TO GOD'S PROMISES. LET THEM GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS. AND, IN CREATIVE AND UNEXPECTED WAYS, LET US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THIS TROUBLED WORLD – THAT NO MATTER WHAT, DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD! CHRIST IS RISEN!

****Next Week's Scripture – April 19, 2020****

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31