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May 16th, 2021 – 11:00 am

7th 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.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Kathy Miller

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

^Greeting

Sharon Drum

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Sharon Drum

To worship and pray,

we have come this day.

To meditate on God’s teachings,

we have come this day.

Gathered as one family of Christ,

we come together in love.

^Opening Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Sharon Drum

To our God, who gives everything, let us pray...

Draw us ever closer to you, O Lord, that we may become one. Draw us ever closer to your word, that we may be wise. Draw us ever closer to your world, that we may serve and love as you guide us to do. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Bruce Ikard

(Following the children's message, 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.)

Special Music

"Day by Day"

Suzanne Schilling

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7, 19

CEB 884-885

Proclamation of the Word

"Identity Crisis"

Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer / Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

^Closing Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH 519

Benediction/Benediction Music

"Rule of Life"

SPUMC Choir

^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.

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE SERVICE – is available three ways. 1. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org, then click on *Online Worship Service*. You can then load it from there on Sunday mornings. 2. Those of you on Facebook can look up Spruce Pine United Methodist Church (or Rick Schilling) and follow the link. 3. The email you get with the bulletin each week has a link to click on as well to get the service.

FROM THE TRUSTEES - We are in the process of maintaining, repairing, and beautifying the church. Thank you for your patience during some messy processes. We are excited and honored to be able to help keep our church campus a beautiful and holy beacon on the hill!

SUMMIT YOUTH AND HILLTOPPERS – Sundays-Fellowship Hall & youth room 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm!

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND - Our Church has been most generous to our fund for helping needy people with energy bills, food and housing. The needs are increasing just now, please consider supporting this fund, people are in crisis. Our church is known as a Congregation who cares, we know you will do your part.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON –Tracy Carroll is the contact person for the 2nd quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Her contact number is 828-688-4096.

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.

CHANGE OFFERING – Until the children can return safely, the change offering container will be at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month your change offerings go to Kairos & M-Y Habitat.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we more fully 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
5/23/21	Jane DeVos	Ginny Downs	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
5/30/21	Kathey Hollifield	Sharon Drum	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/6/21	Randy Hembree	Beverly Greene	Tom & Eva Jobin	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/13/21	Beverly Greene	TBA	Jack & Ursula Chandler	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/20/21	Janet Ouzts	Tracy Carroll	Bob & Susan Davis	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/27/21	Matt Miller	Bruce Ikard	Glen & Jane DeVos	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>

REGULAR MEETINGS - bold denotes currently meeting – others on hiatus

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am - (May 31)	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
Care and Fellowship	2nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
SPUMC Book Club	1st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2nd Monday - 7 pm – returning June 14	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice (soft)	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
RAPP	Last Tuesday - Noon	Fellowship Hall	

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.

THANKS, PRAISES & CELEBRATIONS – For the good health report for Martha Long!; *Glenna & George Tasedan*

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; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2021; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Rick Aldridge; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Lynda Briggs; Myra Habernack Strube; Ann Butler & family; Sam & Jenell Young; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; Jaden Pernell; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Saylor family; Jessie Wray; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting); Becky Dainotto and family (health issues and deaths in family); Jack – (depression & anxiety issues) ; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin* – major spinal and leg problems);

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: *the family of Tony Woodby on the passing of his Mother*; the family of Ernest Canipe (Richard's father); the family of Martha "Muffy" Dayton; the family of Ashley O'Sullivan; the family of Jeannie Parker (aunt of Gary Curtis); the family of Judy Carson; *the family of Betty Sparks*

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Carolyn Sproles; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Linda Seaman - Becky Dainotto's sister (surgery); Ed Saunders (Amputation below the knee); Carolyn Sproles (fall/surgery); Tommy Phillips, *Starli McDowell's dad* (4 weeks of IV antibiotics from brain surgery) ;

Danna Gibson – (recovery from surgery); Judy Williams (Recovery from surgery); Martha Long- (recovery from surgery); Kensley Littlejohn (16 month old great niece of Glen DeVos, neurological issues); Randy Hembree – Heart Surgery in June

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard (assisted living facility); Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Raymond Mayberry; Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Diane Meatyard; Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Patch Hailey, age 2; Keziah Nance's birthday buddy (neuroblastoma); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 year old with cancer); *Norma Smith's sister in law*; Mike (friend of *Bruce Ikard* – chemotherapy); Tessie Miller – Leukemia; Johnny Pendley – (Multiple Myeloma); Arlene Baskin – (Gary's wife); James Acuff (chemo); Linda Kaye (Kathy Hollifield's sister)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Louise Weeks (rehab); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Barbara (heart attack); Erin Haberneck Halpainy (health); Don Johnson (Ann Marie) (Don is in ICU w/pneumonia-covid); Helen & Joey Brooks (fall); Frances Lail (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*, COVID); Everette & Sena Gouge (Rhonda's parents); *Gary Baskin* (health); *John Campbell* (heart); *Frank Baskin* (Kidney stones); *Jim Sockwell* (beginning dialysis); Stacey Howell Singleton (hospitalization); Jeanne Parker (Gary Curtis' aunt – In Hospice – stroke); Trish Niven (friend of *Jane DeVos* – Medical issues); John Casey (congestive heart failure & wife Pat / caretaker)

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; people of Venezuela; solutions to gun violence; for those suffering due to coronavirus; 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: Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Karen (Istanbul); Ben Potter (Army); Jeff Kaplan (*Tim Hollifield's* brother in law, Budapest Hungary)

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.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK				ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
18 – Shirley McManus	19 – Nelle Glenn	20 – Grace Buchanan	22 – Alan Beaver	22 – Sam & Jenell Young
PRESENCE:		Sunday, May 9, 2021		9:00 – 25, 11:00 – 48 Total - 73
GIFTS	May 9, 2021	General Fund - \$3,668.00		Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$93,262.17		YTD Budget Need – \$101,061.00
		Change offering – Habitat – \$27.11		Mulch - \$50.00
		Change offering – Kairos – \$27.11		Audio visual System - \$500.00
		Roof Fund - \$2,575.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 62

Thanks to Carolyn Brunning for her donation to the general fund in Memory of Betty Sparks. (Keeper of 'the back row', charter member of 'the lunch bunch', Faithful Servant, Visitation Committee, My Mom's friend, may she rest in peace – the family of Evelyn Hughes).

Thanks to Ken Lentz for his donation to the AV Fund in Memory of Betty Sparks. Thanks to Beth Ziemba for her donation to the Roof Fund in Memory of Betty Sparks.

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

Lector: Sharon Drum Greeters: Dottie Myers / Becky Nance Children's Time: Bruce Ikard

Special Music: Suzanne Schilling Prelude: Kathy Miller

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!

****Next Week's Scriptures – Sunday, May 23, 2021****

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39