



Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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May 21st, 2023 – 9 & 11 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

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

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Prelude

“Largo”

Antonin Dvorak
from “The New World Symphony”

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Tim Drum

Shout to God with songs of great joy!
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
God has made us whole.
God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.
Let us celebrate the love of God!
Let us praise God’s name and serve God joyfully.

^Opening Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus”

UMH 168

^Opening Prayer / Passing of the Peace

Tim Drum

To our God who is faithful and true, let us offer our prayer...

God of glory, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we always witness to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ’s love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

...and may the peace of Christ be with you now.
And also with you.

...Let us greet each other with signs of Christ’s peace and love.

Children’s Message (11 am)

Bruce Ikard

Children’s Change Offering (to benefit Kairos & M-Y Habitat)

(Following the children’s message and 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

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| Choral Anthem | "I Believe" Katie Willett - Solo, Sharon Drum - Solo | Chancel Choir |
| Scripture Reading | Acts 1:1-11 | CEB 1323 |
| Proclamation of the Word | "What Now?" | Rev. Rick Schilling |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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| ^The Apostles' Creed – Traditional Version | | UMH 881 |
| Offering our Gifts and Praises to God | | |
| Offertory | "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" | Tim Drum - Trumpet |
| ^Doxology | "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | UMH 95 |
| Pastoral Prayer | | |
| Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion (9:00 only) | | |
| ^Closing Hymn | "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know" | UMH 163 |
| Benediction/Benediction Music | "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (2088) | Chancel 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 / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING - There will be an Administrative Council meeting today, May 21 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be several church business items discussed.

HOUSE FIRE - Anna & Chuck Robbins, Phil White's daughter and son in law lost their home to fire on April 27th in Ecu, MS. Their kids Chuck Jr, Anthony, Richard, Chevy and Reagan (all school age) are living in a camper on their property while they decide how to rebuild. About ten years ago they lived here and some may remember them. Sadly there was no insurance. If you would like to contribute, the Serendipity Sunday School class has a fund to assist their rebuild. Make donations to the church with a memo to the "Anna & Chuck Fund".

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Coming June 23, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. and June 24, 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Good Sam Vacation Bible School. Join us for games, art, drama, and music as we learn to love God through loving others!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING - We have 4 ways in which you can respond to God through your financial giving:

1. During the in-person worship services. Simply drop it in the plate when passed by the ushers.
 2. U.S. Mail. You can send the church your offerings by mailing them to Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 Hwy 226S, Spruce Pine NC 28777.
 3. You can drop off your offerings during church office hours, which are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 4. Online. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org. Click on the "Give" tab, then on the "Donate Now" button that pops up.
- Thank you for being faithful in your giving to the ministries of Spruce Pine UMC. We remain committed to being the "Beacon on the Hill" for Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, and beyond.

PEW PADS ARE BACK – Please fill them out and pass them from the inside to the outside and back. They will be collected after each service! These are important to us for contact information and requests.

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 (especially with the recent spate of evictions), 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.

SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE CONNECTION –is available three ways:

1. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org , then click *Online Connection*. You can then load it from there on Sundays.
2. 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 content.

CONTACT PERSON – Larry Bohannon Goldman is the contact person for the 1st half of 2023 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156 and his email is mrbosscience@gmail.com

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.

2023 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 |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5/28/2023 | Bryan Thayer | Chelsea Thayer | Debby Misicka |
| 6/4/2023 | Janet Ouzts | Ginny Downs | Bert Sheeley |
| 6/11/2023 | Emree Hoilman | Kathey Hollifield | Jack & Ursula Chandler |
| 6/18/2023 | Chelsea Thayer | Sharon Drum | John Campbell & Ginny Downs |

REGULAR MEETINGS

| GROUP | DAYS | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Blue Ridge Bridge Club | Mondays, 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall | Ed Banta |
| SPUMC Book Club | 1 st Tuesday, 10 am | Parlor | Margarett McGraw |
| UMW Nightingale Circle | 2 nd Monday - 3 pm | Welcome Center | Sharon Drum |
| Care and Fellowship | 2 nd Saturday, 10 am | Fellowship Hall | Maria Douglass & Larry Bohannon |
| Choir Practice | Wednesdays - 6:00 pm | Sanctuary | Kathey Hollifield |
| Trustees | 3 rd Thursday | Fellowship Hall | TBA |
| Finance | 2 nd Thursday - 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall | Bert Sheeley |

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 –Thanks to Ron Allen, Matt Hollifield and the Trustees for the work on refurbishing the Welcome Center. Thanks also to the Trustees for authorizing the clearing of the back bank.

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; all who have COVID and those who are recovering; Skyler and Andrew Stewart; Cooper Foster (*Don & Bobbi Abele's Grandson*); Rev. Dr. Ted Troutman (*friend of Don Abele*)

SUSTAINING PRAYERS: Our homebound members; Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents, Staff, and Families; June Wilson; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2023; *Sandra Woodard*; Jacquelyn Taylor; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; Doris Deyton; Shane Heath; Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Jessie Wray; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin*); Robert McKenzie; Joyce (*Martha Long's sister*); Jennifer Miller; Jane Waggoner, Jennie Johnston, Kris Butterwek; Alexis (medical issues); *Jack Chandler*; *Randy Hembree*; Charles Sproles; Rylan McMahan – (great nephew of *Becky Nance* – premature and in the NICU); Alan Willis (recovery); Olivia Cook (Killian Wustrow's sister – recovery); Bruce Woody; Anna & Chuck & 5 children, Phil White's Daughter & family (house fire); *Melanie & Jon Jirka*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Bailey Yearout; the family of Patricia Douglass (*Maria's Mother*); the family of Jessica Ringwood; the family of Jeffrey Richardson; the family of Joe Montgomery; the family of Jane Waggoner (mother of Linda Wyatt); the family of Janice Floess (*Bert Sheeley's sister*); the family of Gerri VanOver (*sister of Jack Riley*); the family of Johnnie Thomas (*Eva Jobin's Father*); the family of Carl Weatherman; the family of Bruce McKinney (*Lorraine Campbell's brother*); the family of Carl Weatherman; the family of Charles Aldridge

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Dean (Judy's cousin, transplants); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Tommy Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's* dad); *Jim Sockwell*; *Barbara Henline (at home)*; *Marcia Dunn*; *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; *Bill Dailey (recovery)*; *Bruce Ikard (recovery)*; *Frank Baskin* (tests); Daniel Buchanan (recovery from heart attack); Pauline Dials (Abdominal surgery, friend of *Gloria Hoepfner*); Faye Barber (recovery from mild stroke)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Danny Gortney; Erin (brain cancer); Raymond Mayberry; Shirl Phillips; Lee - Susan Davis' brother; Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); Ann Kernahan; Tommy Collis; *James Ouzts*; Rick Phillips; Julie Phillips (cancer); Weston Atkins (8 month old / cancer); Lisa Graham (starting chemotherapy); Julie Smith Ackiss (chemo); Pat Coffey (cancer / radiation treatments) ; Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer, Phil White's Mother in Law); Mary Garland (recent cancer diagnosis)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Jasper Fidler (friend of Chloe Cook - fall), *Bill Haberneck (blood pressure)*; Frank Gurley (breathing issues); Nathan Buchanan (recovery); *Tim Hollifield (Lyme disease)*; Dori Sweatt Beck (Auto immune disorder); Jaydon Stevens (Diabetes); *John Campbell (recovery)*; Katherine Ledford (shoulder surgery in Amman Jordan)

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; solutions to gun violence; Earthquake victims in Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; flood victims of Haywood County; flood victims of Waverly, TN; Tornado victims in Kentucky, People of Ukraine; Flood victims in Kentucky, victims of Hurricane Ian; earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria; victims of gun violence in the US and the world

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill-Deyton Bend UMC; 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: Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Karen (Istanbul); Ben Potter (Army)

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 | | ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK | | |
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| 22 – Alan Beaver | 24 – LeeRoy Ledford | 22 – Sam & Jenell Young | 26 – Ed & Jan Banta | 27 – Tim & Kristen Drum |
| PRESENCE: | | Sunday, May 14, 2023 | Attendance: 9 – 34 11 – 54 = 88 | |
| GIFTS | 5/14/2023 | General Fund – \$5,668.00 | 2023 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,431.00 | |
| | | Year to Date - \$95,223.10 | YTD Budget Need - \$98,189.00 | |
| | | Anna & Chuck Fund - \$1,318.00 | Community Assistance - \$30.00 | |
| | | Change Offering – Kairos - \$18.13 | Givens Estate Mother's Day Offering – 150.00 | |
| | | Change Offering – M-Y Habitat – \$18.13 | Shepherd's Staff Food - 13 | |

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

Lector: Tim Drum Greeters: Glen & Jane DeVos Children's Time: Bruce Ikard
Special Music – Chancel Choir Prelude: Kathy Miller - Organ Offertory: Tim Drum

WITNESS: EASTER IS A 50-DAY SEASON KNOWN AS EASTERTIDE. IT BEGINS ON EASTER MORNING AND ENDS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, THE DAY WE REMEMBER THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH. IN ADDITION, ON THE 40TH DAY OF EASTERTIDE, WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE JESUS' ASCENSION. EASTERTIDE REMINDS US THAT DEATH ISN'T THE END, BUT A NEW BEGINNING. LET'S ALLOW GOD TO BRING NEW LIFE TO US THIS EASTERTIDE (AND BEYOND) IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND LEAD US TO PLACES AND PEOPLE WHO NEED GOD'S LOVE TO TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES. HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

****Next Week's Scriptures – May 28th, 2023****

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