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2nd 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. LAST SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF GOD'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH. TODAY IS THE 2ND 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. PRAISE GOD!

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

BRUCE IKARD

Prelude

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

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

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

UMH 176

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^Opening Responsive Prayer

Let us pray responsively.

O risen Lord, who in your first appearance to Mary was mistaken for the gardener:

be present with us, and show yourself to us in all our mistakes and uncertainties.

O risen Lord, who appeared to your dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus, and opened to them the scriptures, so that their hearts burned within them:

be present with us, and set our hearts on fire with love for you.

O risen Lord, who gave to your distraught followers the assurance of healing and forgiveness:

be present with us, and bring together all Christians in peace and harmony.

O risen Lord, who mindful of the needs of your disciples, prepared a meal by the Sea of Galilee:

be present with us, and make yourself known in all acts of hospitality and sharing.

O risen Lord, who in your final appearance on the Mount of Olives lifted up

hands of blessing on all people:

be present with us, and grant that our prayers today may be taken up into yours

on behalf of the whole world.

(a prayer from the Church of South India)

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

^ **Hymn of Praise**

“Without Seeing You”

TFWS 2206

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory

“I Look to You”

LARRY BOHANNON

Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Children’s Message

KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

Children’s Change Offering

SPRING MISSION TRIP

(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

“He Is Lord”

UMH 177

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Anthem

“This is My Father’s World”

CHANCEL CHOIR

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

^ **Scripture Reading**

John 20:19-31

NT 110

Proclamation of the Word

“Seeing and Believing”

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn**

“We Walk By Faith”

TFWS 2196

^ **Benediction**

^ **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.

APRIL / MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THERE WILL BE NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES (for students in grades 6-12) OR HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (for children 5th grade and younger) MEETING TODAY BECAUSE OF SPRING BREAK.** Summit and Hilltoppers will resume next Sunday with the Youth Sunday night service.
- **SPUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - TODAY, APRIL 28TH @ 4PM** - We will be updating one another on the work of our various ministry teams and making plans for the summer
- **SUMMIT YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - MAY 5TH AT 6PM @ SPUMC** - All are welcome to join us as the members of our cooperative area United Methodist youth group, Summit, lead a special worship service. As part of worship a special love offering will be received for the youth's mission trip to Honduras. Please make plans to come to both support our youth and to be blessed by their faith.
- **MISSION TRIP TO DUPLIN COUNTY** - Hurricane Florence devastated eastern North Carolina and one of the areas getting the least attention is Duplin County. We are sending a team there May 5-10th, next month, We will be staying in a Baptist mission work camp and helping the rebuild in these communities. For more information call Marvin at 766-5379 or Pastor Jeremy at 467-8743.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** - Jan Hamilton is the contact person for the 2nd quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 828-385-2201.
- **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.
- **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
5/5	Marvin Walker	Sharon Drum	Danna Gibson & Maria Douglass	Katie Willett	Tracy Dayton
5/12	Jack Riley	Ginny Downs	James & Janet Ouzts	Quincy Sparks	Kim Ledford
5/19	Sharon Drum	Beverly Hale Greene	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
5/26	Jane DeVos	Melanie Murphy	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Rachelle Shock	

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield

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, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Ramona Gragg*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn*

Boles); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2019; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jane Greenwood; *Tim Hollifield*; Olivia Silver; Amanda Drum; James Davis; J.C. Gage; Crystal Wood; Stan Elkins; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Dakota Yelton; Kimberly Oberhammer family; *Beverly Hale*; Mike Bartlett; Dennis Chandler; Rosemary Coffman; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Barbara Butts (*Ann Denny's daughter*); Tess Coulter (*Jack Burleson's mom - Hospice*); Corey & Kathryn Hoilman & new baby Avery; Nathan Hoilman; Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Laura Moore (back)

- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Zoe Ellis; Gloria Schulman & family; family of Henry Street; family of Bea White; Paul Sherman & family (death of father); the family of John Ahlquist; the family of Kathryn Riddle; the family of Maggie Young; the family of John Grant; the family of Bill Hayes
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's dad - back*); Atlas Benton (back); *Ann Denny*; Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Allan "Jerry" Douglass (corneal transplant surgery); Bishop Sharma Lewis; Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)*; David Wilson; Meredith Hoilman (bone marrow donor); Heather Walker (heart transplant); *Neil Brown (surgery)*; Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*
 - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (cancer treatment); Jada Daniels (lung); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Brian Baker: Rev. Brenda McDaniel; Claire Spence; Becky Hoilman; Unnamed Person; Dan Whetstine; Dick Hautala; Darren Ward; Mike Burke (brain tumor); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Lisa McKinney; Cheryl Oglesby; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Marianna Jaeger; Doris Sparks (brain cancer)
 - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Brian Westveer (fall); Sarah Hobart; Amanda Ikard (discs); Martha Wrenn (Crohn's); Coy Hollifield; Sam Blevins (lungs); Carol Woodward; Rhiannon (Tom and Eva Jobin's grand-daughter)
 - **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire); people of Venezuela; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's
 - **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Dayton 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
 - **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
- 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			
May 3 - David Misicka			
PRESENCE:		April 21 st , 2019	11:00 - 166
GIFTS	April 21st, 2019	General Fund - \$3,119.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$83,776.70	YTD Budget Need - \$73,328.00
		Children's Offering - \$113.64 - Mission Trip	Duplin Co. Mission Trip - \$600.00
		Summit Mission Trip - \$850.00	Wonderful Wednesday Meal - \$201.00
		Community Assistance - \$205.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 13

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

Lector: Bruce Ikard Greeters: Josh & Jennifer Newton Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Becky Nance Preschool: Meredith Hoilman Offertory: Larry Bohannon

WITNESS: LAST SUNDAY WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT EASTER MEANS TO US: OF HOW, "BECAUSE HE LIVES," WE CAN FACE TOMORROW, LET GO OF FEAR, AND DISCOVER THAT LIFE IS WORTH LIVING. "BECAUSE HE LIVES," WE CAN ALSO BE FREED FROM DESPAIR. EASTER IS A PROMISE THAT JOY AND LIFE WILL HAVE THE LAST WORD, NO MATTER HOW DARK LIFE APPEARS. YOU COULD ALMOST SAY THAT, AFTER EASTER, CHRISTIANS HAVE A *DUTY* TO REJOICE. WHERE ARE YOU TEMPTED TO DESPAIR IN YOUR LIFE? HOW MIGHT YOU SHOW YOUR EASTER FAITH BY LIVING INTO JOY INSTEAD?

****Next Week's Scripture - May 5th, 2019****

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19