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4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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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 4TH 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

JACK RILEY

Prelude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

ARR. MARK HAYES

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

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH 162

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^Opening Prayer

Trusting in God's mercy and love,
Let us spend a moment in silent prayer and confession.

(time for silent prayer)

Amen. Now let us pray together:

O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired;

New love where we have turned hard-hearted;
Forgiveness where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.
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/bless them with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)

^ **Hymn of Praise** “God of the Women” ON SCREEN

Offering our Praises to God / Celebration of the Women of the Church

Let us pray:
Thank you, God,
that you are tender like a faithful mother,
as well as strong as a faithful father.
You give us life, and care for us
like a mother who will not forsake her children.
We pray for our mothers today
and for all women who mother others,
putting them into your hands for time and eternity;
and we ask your blessing on all our relationships
in the families of our homes, our churches,
and our communities. Amen.

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory “Lamb of God” SHARON DRUM

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

Children’s Message GINNY DOWNS

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.)

Call to Prayer “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” TFWS 2200

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem “I Have Felt the Hand of God” CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** Acts 9:36-43 NT 121

Proclamation of the Word “Somebody’s Something” REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** “Go Make of All Disciples” UMH 571

^ **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.

MAY / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUR EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE** - began today at 9am and will continue throughout the summer!
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, May 16th at 5 pm in the Faithlink Classroom.
- **FAREWELL COOKOUT/PICNIC FOR THE TROXERS** - Monday, June 17 at 6 pm at Swiss Pine Lake Pavilion. We have the area reserved from 3 pm until dusk. UMW will provide hamburgers & hotdogs, everyone else bring a side dish.

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
5/19	Sharon Drum	Tracy Carroll	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
5/26	Jane DeVos	Melanie Murphy	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Rachelle Shock	Maddie Landon
6/2	Kathey Hollifield	Beverly Hale Greene	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman
6/9	Randy Hembree	Bruce Ikard	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	Katie Willett	Tracy Deyton

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
Al-Anon	Thursdays - 7:00 pm	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-5379

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 Hoepfner; *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*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Tess Coulter (*Jack Burleson's mom - Hospice*); Corey & Kathryn Hoilman & new baby Avery; Nathan Hoilman; Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Laura Moore (back); Doris Sparks; Larry Howell; Jacquelyn Taylor

- **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; Heather Walker (heart transplant); *Neil Brown (surgery)*; Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ann Winfield (heart surgery); *Wanda Henline*; Ozzie Hernandez
 - **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; Gary Graham; Patti Morgan; Diane Cathey (brain tumor)
 - **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; Coy Hollifield; Sam Blevins (lungs); Carol Woodward
 - **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		ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
15 th - Mable Whiton		12 th - Tim & Sharon Drum	15 th - Cole & Melissa Martin
PRESENCE:		May 5th, 2019	
GIFTS	May 5th, 2019	General Fund - \$6,134.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$98,442.60	YTD Budget Need - \$82,494.00
		Children's Offering - \$42.09 - Kairos	Duplin Co. Mission Trip - \$124.80
		Children's Offering - \$42.09 - M-Y Habitat	Summit Mission Trip & Service - \$1,460.00
		Community Assistance - \$400.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 41

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

Lector: Jack Riley Greeters: James & Janet Ouzts Children's Time: Ginny Downs
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Quincy Sparks Preschool: Kim Ledford Offertory: Sharon Drum

WITNESS: LAST SUNDAY WE REMEMBERED HOW THE RISEN JESUS RETURNED TO HIS DISCIPLES IN THEIR PLACE OF FEAR AND STOOD WITH THEM, OFFERED THEM WORDS OF PEACE, SHOWED THEM HIS WOUNDS AND HIS LOVE, OFFERED THEM HIS SPIRIT, AND SENT THEM FORWARD IN SERVICE JUST AS HIS OWN HEAVENLY FATHER HAD SENT HIM. AS SOMEONE SENT IN THE SAME SPIRIT AS JESUS, HOW ARE YOU STANDING WITH OTHERS, OFFERING THEM WORDS OF PEACE, LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF THEIR SCARS, SHARING YOUR OWN SCARS, AND LOVING OTHERS IN THE SAME WAY?

****Next Week's Scripture - May 19th, 2019****

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35