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July 21st, 2019

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Aaron Buchanan

Prelude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Southern Harmony

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

"God of Great and God of Small"

Worship & Song 3033

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness:

The God who demands justice from us
is the God who pours out mercy upon us.
Trusting in that gracious love,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(Time of silent prayer and confession)

Amen. Now, let us pray together:

God of Mercy:

**We confess that we have failed to live
as your beloved sons and daughters.**

**We have set our minds on the things of this world,
and we have neglected the inheritance of love
you bestow upon your saints.**

**We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business;
we have harbored uncharitable thoughts
toward our enemies and friends;**

**we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.
Forgive us we pray.
Free us from our selfish ways
and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
in whose name 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 **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** UMH 103

Children’s Message Melanie Murphy
Children’s Change Offering One Day with God Camp
(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 **“Sanctuary”** TFWs 2164

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** Chancel Choir

^Scripture Reading **Luke 15:11-24, Hebrews 1:1-3a, John 14:9 (CEB)** NT 130, 203, 103

Proclamation of the Word **“Who Is God?”** Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“Amazing Grace”** Tim & Sharon Drum

Doxology **“Father, We Have Heard You Calling” (vs. 4)** Worship & Song 3150

^Sending Hymn **“He is Exalted”** TFWs 2070

^Benediction

^Postlude

(CEB) denotes Common English Bible

^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.

JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT AND HILLTOPPERS ARE TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS** Our Sunday evening youth and children’s ministries will have occasional gatherings in July and will resume in August.

- **THREE WEEK MINI SERIES** Starting Today, July 21, we begin a 3-week mini-series entitled *Knowing*. During this time, we'll focus on former UM Bishop Rueben Job's book *Three Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose*. This is a small, yet power-packed book that is a quick-read. Books will be available in the church office. Suggested donation is \$4.00 per book. We will look at one question per week, starting with "Who is God?" Scripture texts for the first installment of the series are: Luke 15.11-24, Hebrews 1.1-3, and John 14.9 CEB.
- **PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - The playground is currently being upgraded for our children. There is always need for volunteer help. Contact the church office for opportunities to serve.
- **TROXSLERS' NEW ADDRESS** - The Troxlers' new mailing address in Greensboro will be 6114 Westwind Lane, Greensboro, NC 28710. Pastor Jeremy can now be reached by email at jtroxler@wnccumc.net.
- **HELP REQUESTED WITH ROSE GARDEN** - Beverly Greene would like to have someone who could assist her with the Rose Garden. No experience necessary. She needs to be away occasionally and could use backup. Contact Beverly at bevvhale2220@gmail.com.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** - Wanda Henline 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 828-765-9771.
- **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
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **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
7/28	Matt Hollifield	Tracy Carroll	Carolyn & Jack Burleson	Quincy Sparks	Meredith Hoilman
8/4	Dwight Willett	Bruce Ikard	Martha Long / Terre McNamara	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
8/11	Tim Drum	Greg Hoilman	Josh & Jennifer Newton	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Deyton
8/18	Bruce Ikard	Kathey Hollifield	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Chelsea Thayer	Kim Ledford

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*, 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 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*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Laura Moore

- (back); Doris Sparks; Jacquelyn Taylor; Ed Terrell (recovering from car accident); Trevor Higgins; Elaine Wyatt; *Jennifer Willett (expecting)*; Shirley Hise; Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Lora Lanier (allergic reaction); Brannon & Amy Young
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** those who have suffered miscarriage; Gloria Schulman & family; the family of John Ahlquist; the family of Bill Hayes; family of Larry Howell; Ally & Sydney, family of Tess Coulter; *the family of Jane Lewis; the family of Audrey Davenport*; the family of Brian Baker; *the family of Richard Rodgers; the family of Louis Woodard*
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Atlas Benton (back); Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)*; Heather Walker (heart transplant); Tom Wilson (recovering from surgery); Wayne Hoilman (lung transplant); Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; *Jack Riley (recovering from surgery); Barbara Henline (hospital stay)*
 - **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; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Claire Spence; Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Marianna Jaeger; Gary Graham; Patti Morgan; Diane Cathey (brain tumor); Lori Haythorn (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; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Carol Woodward; Jamie Burleson
 - **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; 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 - 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; Lynn Kennedy (Burkino Faso); The Troxlers and Guilford College UMC; Peter Constantian & his new appointment; Rev. Rick and Suzanne Schilling
 - **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); Josh Swindler – Navy; 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		
21 – Ben Potter	26 – Vandaly Jeffers	27 – Devon Potter, Phil White	24 – John Campbell & Ginny Downs	24 – Jeremy & Margaret Troxler	27 – Alan & Sara Powell
PRESENCE:		July 14th, 2019	11:00 - 152		
GIFTS	July 14th, 2019	General Fund - \$3,362.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00	
		Year to Date - \$120,818.60		YTD Budget Need - 105,409.00	
		Children's Offering - \$82.83 – One Day w/God		One Day with God- 75.00	
		Community Assistance - \$267.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 53	

The SPUMC gratefully accepts a donation from the Audrey Davenport Class in Memory of Rev. Louis Woodard.

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

Lector: Aaron Buchanan Greeters: Ray & Joyce Alvarez Children's Time: Melanie Murphy
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Katie Willett Preschool: Kim Ledford Offertory: Tim & Sharon Drum

WITNESS: OFTENTIMES, LIFE IS HECTIC, BUSY, CHAOTIC, AND FAST-PACED. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR JOBS, FAMILY, AND EVEN CHURCH COMPETE FOR OUR TIME AND ATTENTION. AS SUCH, WE CAN MISS GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR DAILY ROUTINE. WE TEND TO LOOK FOR GOD IN THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS, THE MAJESTIC, AND THE UNEXPLAINABLE. YES, GOD IS PRESENT IN THAT WHICH IS BIGGER THAN US, BUT GOD TRULY CAN BE FOUND IN THE FACES OF OUR LOVED ONES, IN THE MIDST OF THE PILES OF LAUNDRY NEEDING TO BE DONE, IN THE KITCHEN AS WE PREPARE MEALS, AND AT THE END OF EACH DAY AS WE LIE DOWN SEEKING PEACE-FILLED SLEEP. THIS WEEK LET US WITNESS TO THE CREATOR WHO UPHOLDS US IN ALL WE DO – IN ALL WE HAVE TO DO. HERE'S A SIMPLE PRAYER OF WITNESS: LORD, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF TODAY; MAY HOW WE LIVE IT BY OUR GIFT BACK TO YOU.

****Next Week's Scripture - July 28th, 2019****

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19), Luke 11:1-13
Psalm 8:3-8 (CEB); Psalm 139:13-16 (the Message); Matthew 5:13-16 (CEB)