



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 16, 2020

BELOVED COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

Ich Ruf' Zu Dir

JS Bach

from the Orgelbuchlein

Michael Barker, organ

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ!
Ich bitt' erhör' mein klagen,
Verleih' mir gnad' zu dieser frist,
Laß mich doch nicht verzagen,
Den rechten weg, o Herr! ich mein',
Den wollest du mir geben,
Dir zu leben,
Mein'm nächsten nütz zu sein,
Dein wort zu halten eben.

I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
I pray, hear my lamentation,
bestow your grace on me at this time,
do not let me despair;
I think that I have the right faith, Lord,
which you wanted to give me,
to live for you,
to be useful to my neighbour,
to keep your word properly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121

David Carter Florence

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip –
He who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you –
The Lord is your shade on your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going –
Both now and forevermore.

verses 1,3,5

How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the
 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to
 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re -

Lord, is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent
 go, the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver -
 pose, I will not, I will not des - sert to its

word! What more can be said than to you God hath
 flow; for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to
 foes; that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to

said, to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 bless, and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before You in humility,
 For we do not live as we ought.
 We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.
 So we pray, in all humility,
 That You will change our hearts and minds,
 That You will show us again how to love others the way You love us,
 That You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.
 This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for-giv-en, we are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God,
 thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en, we are for-giv-en.
 Thanks be to God, — thanks be to God.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Brittany Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

Finding Faith

HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

verses 1,3,4

We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and
 And when our life of faith is done, in
 gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you
 none e'er spoke, "My peace be with you here."
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Arr. Don Whitman

Carolyn Konnert, *cello*

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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Jamie Davies, new granddaughter of **Jim and Helen Davies**, is home, but prayers are still requested for medical conditions resulting from her premature birth

Gayle Petty-Johnson's cousin's husband, Mike Brayant, on a feeding tube and his swallowing therapy ended because of enlarged lymph glands in his throat

Jeannie Maidment following the death of her sister Phyllis Barrett in Rock Hill, SC

Jo Majka following the death of her husband Richard on August 8 after a battle with cancer

Family and friends of Bill Sibley who died on August 4

Janine Spiller following the death of her mother Elwanda on July 29

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. **Outreach Foundation:** Frank Dimmock

Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner **Presbytery** and partner church, **Ebenezer**, in Guatemala
The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with Covid-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns.

Martha Jean Alvis, Glenn & Evelyn Bannerman, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton,

Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins,

Mary McElrath, Nancy Murray, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson,

Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Margie Tyas, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Even though you have invited us to pray, O Lord, reassuring us that our Father hears and answers, we admit that it's hard to be faithful in our praying. Sometimes we feel our words go no farther than the ceiling of our room. Yet you admonish us: to pray always and not give up. Teach us, O God, that prayer is a relationship with you and to remain steady in keeping our part of the relationship alive. Give us a daily thirst for you. In the name of Christ, the Son of Man, Amen.

Prayer composed by Martha Jane Petersen

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, *clerk*

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John Evans
Patti Pyle

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Bill Straughan

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Cheryl Wilson

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Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
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Hannah & Sam Webber

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Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
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Cathy & Neil McMillan
Gayle & Peter Mudge
Kay & Mike Salmon
Margaret Waterstradt

Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor/Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Michael Barker Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations and Youth Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications



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