



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 23, 2020

BELOVED COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

Christus Der Ist Mein Leben

Johann Gottfried Walther

Christ, Thou Art My All

Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, you have called us to be members of one body.
Even as we are physically apart from one another, we are one in you.
You have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth.
Come, let us worship you, O God.

HYMN

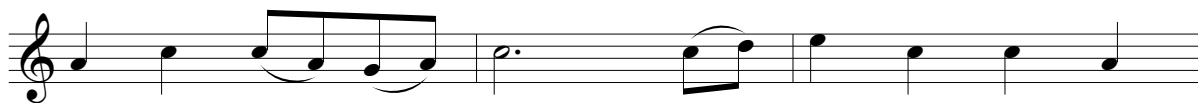
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MCKEE

verses 1,3,5



The church of Christ can - not be bound by
True love will not sit i - dly by when
The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
love are found, there can the church be known.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you who give order and meaning from the beginning to the end,
we humbly call on you to help us to see that what we do may not be enough.
Guide us in discerning how we may live our lives in ways more true to your way.
Lead us in seeking truth beyond our long held beliefs,
the truth of your renewing, transforming presence in our world.
We often think we're doing the right thing,
only to find that our hearts were left behind, absent to those we were trying to help.
We often look the other way, when you were standing in our presence,
awaiting our eyes, awaiting our caring love.
May we humbly serve you as a church, as your body in the world,
and when we fall short, when we miss the mark,
when we are blind to your unconditional love,
we ask for your forgiveness and for your mercy.
May we live in your mercy with a newfound confidence in your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Christ, _____ giv - er of mer - cy! _____ You are the Lord, _____ giv - er of mer - cy! _____".

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139 *selections*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON

Thick in the Blackberry Briars

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Inspired By Love and Anger

John Bell

Anna Banzhoff, *soloist*

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The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

verses 1,3,5

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
We share our mutual woes; our mutual
When we are called to part, it gives us
Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of kin - dred
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each oth - er
in - ward pain; but we shall still be joined in
minds is like to that a - bove.
flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for all preschool, elementary, middle, high and college students returning to campus or doing virtual learning at home (and their parents)

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

Diane Ginther's nephew and his family, who had to evacuate their California home due to wildfires near Santa Cruz. Praying the firefighters trying to save their home and others are able to stay safe.

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

Franklin Jones following the death of his father Hervey Jones, August 17

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 and Russ Spiller welcomed their newborn grandson **Grayson "Gray" Sajovich** on August 21



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

We confess, O heavenly Father, that we draw lines in our relationship with other people. We decide who is “in” and who is “out;” who deserves our attention and who we may ignore. Help us to understand that what we believe as followers of Jesus makes a difference in how we regard and treat others. May we act on the belief that your love, O Lord, is such a large circle that draws everyone in it so we may never exclude others from it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayer composed by Martha Jane Petersen

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

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*

Class of 2020

Jane Bannerman
Emma Bell
Anne Provost Drummond
John Evans
Patti Pyle

Class of 2021

Liesl Case
Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

Class of 2022

Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Deacons

Class of 2020

Kristy Beaver
Dee & Bill Cox
Susan Dannenberg
Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
Ginny & Rick Lindsey
Lew Rudisill
Hannah & Sam Webber

Class of 2021

Yvette Ballard
Carey Jo Elam
Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
Cindy & Ed McDaniel
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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