



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2020



PRELUDE

Voluntary in G Minor, I

John Stanley

Michael Barker, *organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
for God is still doing marvelous things!
Break into joyful song!
Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!
Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!
For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.
God is coming to judge the world with equity.
Sing to God a new song!

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE



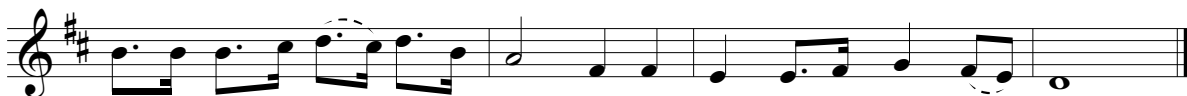
Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, wherebright an - gel feet have trod, ___
Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down; ___
Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er; soon our pil - grim - age will cease; ___



with its cry - stal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of ___ God?
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a ___ robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of ___ peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of ___ God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are times, O God, we forget people,
or we toss them aside –
the difficult ones, the needy ones,
the ones who confront us.
Help us to see that when we ignore the needs of the world,
it's not really about the other people, but about us.
Like Pharaoh in our story for today,
we feel uncomfortable or jealous;
we worry about what will make us look good.
We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness.

- Silent Prayers -

God of Salvation –
Help us to be faithful, to see more clearly,
and to care more thoroughly.
In Christ we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

FIRST SONG

Sure - ly it is God who saves me, I will trust the Lord and not be af
Sure - ly it is God who saves us, we will trust the Lord and not be af -

raid. ____ For the Lord is my strong hold and my sure__ de fense, and
raid. ____ For the Lord is our strong - hold and our sure__ de - fense, and

God will__ be my__ Sa - vior. ____
God will__ be our__ Sa - vior. ____

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-2:10

Ginny Lindsey

SERMON

Promise and Purpose: *Hidden in Plain Sight*

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and
all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and
from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!
All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

Fine

To refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir Virtual Ensemble

Donna Drake, Connie Button, Linda Sperath, Susan Wilkinson
Mike Salmon, Austin Brown, Wilson Jumper

This setting of the psalm text was a favorite piece of choir member Wade Talbot (1937-2020).

We offer it in his memory.

The offerings we give acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God. Thank you for participating in the ministry and mission work of BMPC. You can find instructions for all ways of giving online [here](#)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G Minor, II

John Stanley



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Family and friends of Bill Hollins who entered God's Church Triumphant on October 13.
Due to Covid restrictions, the family plans to have a private committal service on October 19.*

Family and friends of George Gunn who died on October 5

Polly Miller recovering from a fall at Mission

William Neville and family following the death of his father Gordon Neville on October 5

Family and friends of Harry Philips who died on October 5

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

*O God of all the families of the earth, we thank you for the underserved care we have received.
When we have been drifting and alone, someone has come and pulled us up out of dangerous waters.
You came to Moses and you have come to us. Our family situations are now forced to be distanced –
with 90th birthdays through plexiglass and limited travel. We pray for rescue from this virus!*

As the earth cries out for rescue from our abuse, we are thankful for the colors of the leaves.

May the seasons of our lives reflect your glory and love. Amen.

Prayer composed by Jim Layman

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Visitors: let us know of your interest or questions about BMPC.

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*

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Emma Bell
Anne Provost Drummond
John Evans
Patti Pyle

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Liesl Case
Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

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Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

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Susan Dannenberg
Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
Ginny & Rick Lindsey
Lew Rudisill
Hannah & Sam Webber

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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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