



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2020



PRELUDE

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith

*Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty;
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb; You are holy.*

Michael Barker, *piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,
from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.
Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,
for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.
As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing
open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you.
Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

Anna Banzhoff, *song leader*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, though the dark - ness hide thee,
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see;
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham, God of Moses,
you promise to set us free
from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.
Yet we resist your invitation,
seeing only what we must give up
if we are to follow Your path.
You call us to have faith
in your sustaining presence and power,
but your call takes us beyond
anything we can see or touch.
We fear placing our trust
in things beyond our control.
We doubt that you can bring water
to the dry places of our lives
or replace our suffering with joy.
Forgive us when we turn away
from your promise of abundant life.
Heal us and lead us home, Holy One.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

sung in English, then Spanish, then English again

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dors you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - ro - ra! Mi
heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res, Dios!

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

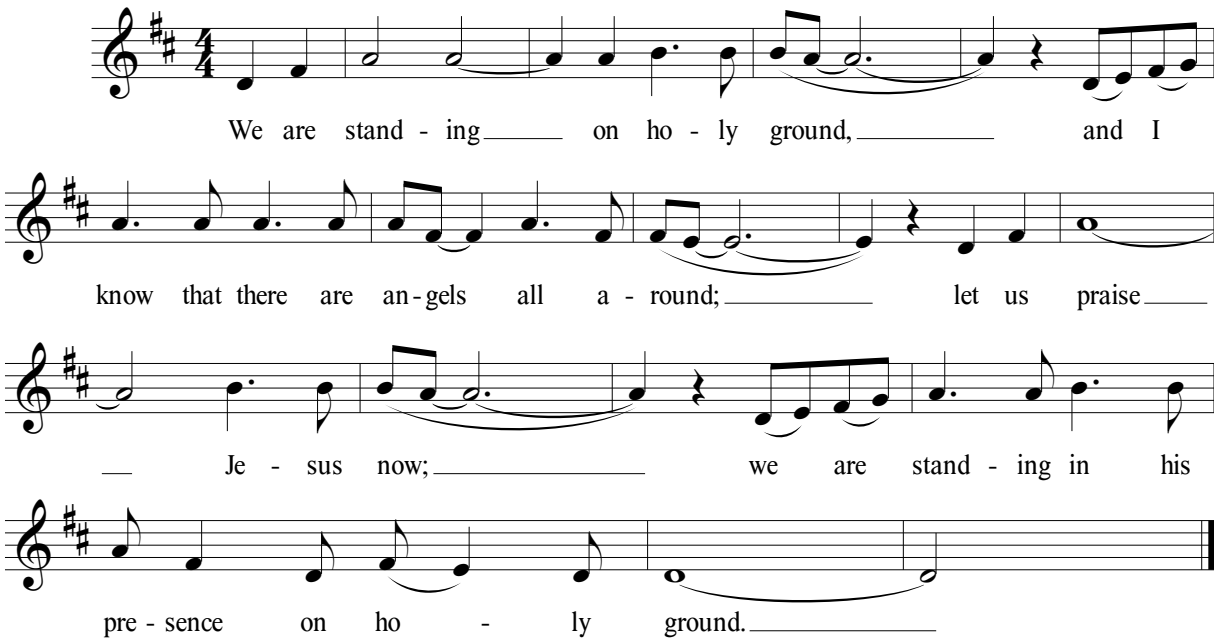
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

SERMON

Promise and Purpose: *The Call of Moses*



We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I
know that there are an - gels all a - round; let us praise
Je - sus now; we are stand - ing in his
pre - sence on ho - ly ground.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Go Down, Moses

African American Spiritual

Andy Gwynn, *arranger and performer*

The history of this spiritual makes for fascinating, if painful reading. It was sung by fugitive slaves held at Fort Monroe, Hampton Virginia as early as 1853. It was notated by Rev LC Lockwood, a chaplain at that fort, at that time. However, there is strong evidence that Harriet Tubman was aware of the song and used it as code language for the Underground Railroad as early as 1850, with variants pre-dating even that. The song was first published in 1861 by Thomas Baker, an English composer active in New York City. This was the first instance of a spiritual being published in the US. Known variously as *Go Down, Moses*, and *Let My People Go*, this song has had as many as 11, 18 or 25 verses associated with it. Paul Robeson sang a version by Harry T Burleigh with just two. The Johnson brothers, James Weldon and J Rosamund performed and published the same two.

The seminal place of this song in American musicological history cannot be overstated. Michael Hawn's summary is most helpful: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-go-down-moses>

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

Chaconne in G Minor

Louis Couperin



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Karen Austin recovering from knee surgery

Family and friends of Bill Hollins who died on October 13

Maggie Hughes (Cindy Hile's mother) is critically ill

Polly Miller recovering from a fall at CarePartners

Drew (Kristi Morgan's father) who has coronavirus

Joanne (Alice Schweitzer's former mother-in-law) under hospice care

Paul Scouten family (especially his mother Karen) following the death of his father Charles on October 19

Allen Smith, prayers needed as he undergoes testing for muscular weakness

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 burning bushes – in our yards and in front of Moses; You continue to perform miracles. We pray for a miracle vaccine we can use to smite COVID-19. Remind us of your promises in the gifts of our children. May their costumes this week and their smiles always be magic for our spirits in these times. We thank you for the greatest miracle of a baby who became a Savior – Jesus, your Son. Help us to respond with recommitments and generosity. Amen.

Prayer composed by Jim Layman

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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

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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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