



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 8, 2020



PRELUDE

Voluntary in C, Adagio
Michael Barker, organ

GF Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

PATHWAYS TO FEARLESS GENEROSITY IMPACT STORY

Margaret Fouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.
We are witnesses to Your grace!
We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.
We are witnesses to Your covenant!
The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.
We are witnesses to Your love!
Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.
We will worship and witness together!

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pre - sence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for -
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness,
hope for to - mor - ow, bless - ings all mine, with ten

Refrain

ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful-ness!
 mer - cy and love.
 thou - sand be - side.

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer - cies I

see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed:

great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ,
 we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love.
 We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world
 and our lives in person - in your son, Jesus Christ.
 Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making
 when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not.
 Every day we are faced with choices of whom we will serve....
Forgive us, merciful God,
when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.
Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others
without first listening to their stories.
Strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit
so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

STEADFAST LOVE

The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev-er come to an

end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn ing; great is your faith - ful -
ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:14-15

SERMON

Promise and Purpose: *Whom will you serve?*

HYMN

What is the World Like?

NEW WORLD

What is the world like when God's will is done?
What is the world like when God's will is done?
These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve. _____
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end. _____
this is a new world where God's will is done. _____

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pathways to Fearless Generosity

Dave Johnson

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

He's Always Been Faithful

Sara Groves

David Joseph, soloist

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](#)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

Sam Webber, percussion



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, ___ fill - ing all our



lives with love and joy and peace. ___ May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



___ bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. ___ Pray - ing, ___ let us



work for peace; ___ sing - ing ___ share our joy with all; ___ work - ing ___ for a



world that's new, ___ faith - ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C, Fugue

GF Handel



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Family and friends of Sara LeVan who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 7.
Plans for an opportunity to witness to the resurrection and give thanksgiving to God
for the gift of Sara's life are incomplete at this time.*

Evelyn Bannerman, very ill with covid

Family and friends of Glenn Bannerman who died on October 30

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

Polly Miller recuperating at son Eddie's home now

Kristi Morgan and family following the death of her father

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

Allen Smith (pastor at Kenilworth Pres and Judy Hollins' son) as he undergoes testing for muscular weakness

Margie Tyas, ill with covid

Susan and Mary McElrath following the death of their close friend, Sissy Rymer

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, 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

*Holy God, the milestones of your mercy mark the ways we have walked with you;
you have chosen us and bound us to you and to each other in holy covenant.
So, by your Spirit's help we choose you this day! Help us to turn from lies to truth,
from greed to generosity, from violence to the justice that makes for peace.
Heal all our brokenness and renew in us the joy of your salvation! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

Prayer composed by John LaMotte

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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