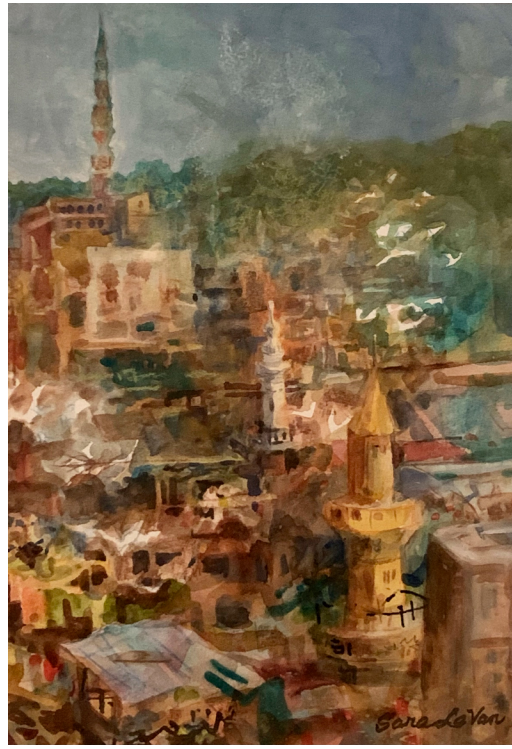




BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 15, 2020



painting by Sara Le Van

PRELUDE

Fanfare on Lobe Den Herren

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

GENEROSITY STORY

Jamie & Emily Munn

CALL TO WORSHIP

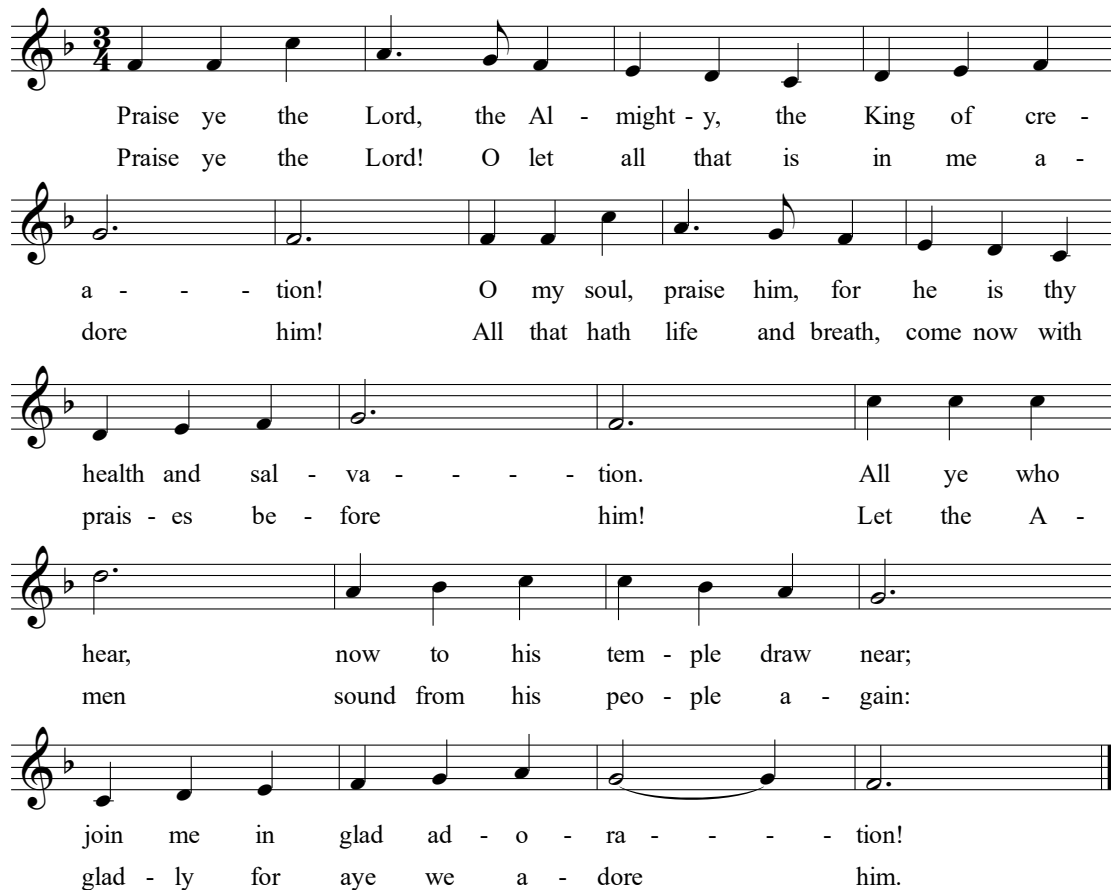
We worship one God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,

**In whose image we are made,
To whose service we are summoned
By whose energy we are renewed.**

In small things and large, we look to you to guide us on the way.
**To discern our purpose and discover your kingdom in our lives,
we study your Word.**

We come to you seeking connection with
Your Spirit, seeking understanding and truth.

**Give us courage to live as your people,
Listening to your promise, opening hearts to your transformation.
Come, let us worship the God who calls us forth to abundant life
in surprising ways.**



Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 a - - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with
 health and sal - va - - - - tion. All ye who
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the A -
 hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
 men sound from his peo - ple a - gain:
 join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - - tion!
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and compassionate God,
 you have loved us fully, with self-giving mercy.
 But we have fallen short, forgetting how to love you.
 You call us and surprise us even in the mundane, but we do not listen.
 We miss your signals of grace and love and justice right before our eyes.
 You ask us to love, but we turn away from seeing who is our neighbor
 and we walk on our own way, wrapped in our concerns.
 We fall into the ways of evil, prejudice, warfare, greed, and pride.
 Guide us to use our imagination, logic, and love
 to discern your truth in those things before us.
 Guide us to commit to living in your compassion and your promise.
 God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
 we turn toward spirit and truth,
 admitting our sin, and gratefully receiving your forgiveness,
 through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;
 light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death.
 Vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours through him who loved us. us.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Carter Florence

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:16

SERMON

Promise and Purpose: A Generous Spirit

HYMN

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of
 My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-ceans, and sun-light
 peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my
 beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine. But oth-er lands have sun - light too, and
 heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er
 clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. So hear my
 hearts in oth-er lands are beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata Number 3

GF Handel

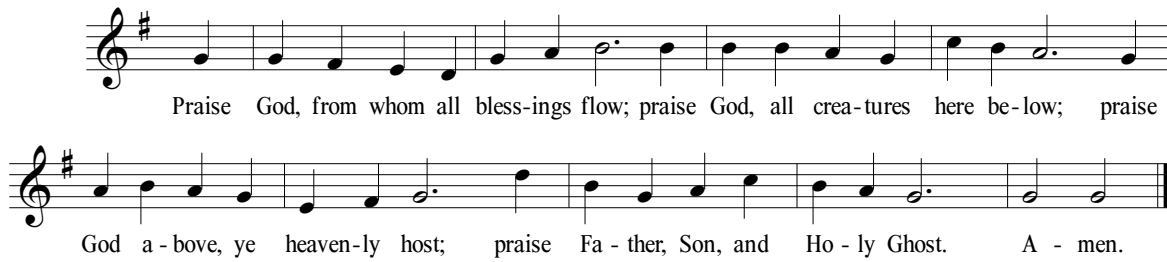
Peter Salvucci, saxophone

arr. Sigurd Rascher

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](#)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise
God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope Go With Us

ARGENTINA



May the God of hope go with us every day, _____ filling all our
lives with love and joy and peace. _____ May the God of justice speed us on our way,
_____ bringing light and hope to every land and race. _____ Praying, _____ let us
work for peace; _____ singing _____ share our joy with all; _____ working _____ for a
world that's new, _____ faithful _____ when we hear Christ's call. _____

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Wir Pfluegen

John E. West

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Nancy Murray who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 8.

*We will gather to witness to the resurrection and celebrate Nancy's life on Zoom
the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.*

If you would like to join us, please contact Mary Katherine.

Evelyn Bannerman, very ill with covid

Family and friends of Glenn Bannerman who died on October 30

Jane Belsches, recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken wrist

John Campbell (Hugh & Penny Mayronne's friend) heart attack, at Mission

Bob Evans (Laurel Broadhurst's father) recovering at home from a heart attack
and a very large blood clot in his heart

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

Family and friends of Sara LeVan who died on November 7

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

Margie Tyas, recovering from covid

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, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson,
Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison**



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Eternal God, these are days filled with bitterness for all your children: the hand of death is heavy upon us;
the isolation that avoids contagion robs us of the hugs and smiles our souls are starved for;
the pettiness of spirit we see in our public life poisons us with shame at the complicity of our leaders
and we don't know what to do. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Help us to stay faithful to you and to each other,
and accept our thanks for the precious examples of love and loyalty we see in heroic spirits around us!*

In Jesus' name we pray. 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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