



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021



PRELUDE

Christ Unser Herr Zum Jordan Kam

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Michael Barker, *organ*

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

We have been claimed by the God who calls us beloved.

We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us

are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

HYMN

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN



For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, ___
For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, ___



for ev - ery - one born, ___ clean wa - ter and bread, ___
a voice to be heard, ___ a part in the song, ___



a shel - ter, a space, ___ a safe place for grow - ing, ___
the hands of a child ___ in hands that are wrin - kled, ___



for ev - ery - one born, ___ a star ___ o - ver - head: and
for young and for old, ___ the right ___ to be - long:

God _____ will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice__ and
 joy, _____ com-pas-sion and peace; yes, God_ will de-light when we are cre-
 a - tors of jus - tice, _____ jus-tice and joy.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
 in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life.
 We confess that we prefer our old lives;
 we let nostalgia prevent us from trusting
 the new things you place in our lives,
 we cling to destructive habits, we nurture grudges,
 and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive one another.
 In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and move
 among us so that we might live together with grace. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Lord, Listen to Your Children

LORD LISTEN

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing.
 Lord, send your Spir - it in this place.
 Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Send us
 love; send us power; send us grace.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-22

SERMON

The Messiah Puzzle: Baptism

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the
Je - sus. When we have run with pa - tience the
world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.
In him there is no dark - ness at all, the night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Give Me Jesus
David Joseph, *tenor*

Arr. Moses Hogan

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You will receive a link that will direct you to our online giving form where you can enter in the amount you would like to give, choose your fund, enter your payment information, and give.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Roll Jordan, Roll

African-American Spiritual

Roll, Jordan, roll! Roll, Jordan, roll!
I want to go to heaven when I die, to hear ole Jordan roll.
O Sinner, you ought to have been there, (yes, my Lord),
a-sitting up in the kingdom, to hear ole Jordan roll.



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

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Adrienne Atkinson recovering from Covid and feeling well

Faith Bradley recovering at home from a fall

Kevin Brandon following the death of his brother, David

Ted Brown, Mike Begley's uncle and Ruby Begley's brother, is recovering at home.

Thank you for all the prayers.

Michael Bryant, Gayle Petty Johnson's cousin by marriage, having his fifth surgery in the past nine months for tongue cancer. Also his wife Anne who needs strength to help him. They are members at First Pres Ft Worth.

Liesl Case's nephew's family and in-laws in San Antonio, Texas who have been diagnosed with Covid

Jane Collins fractured hip at Givens Highland Farms Health Care Center

Jim Davies at home with home health care

Gay Ferguson recovering at CarePartners from a fall on the ice

Chelsea Goins and her family as she recovers from Covid

Judy Hollins following the death of her mother, Dorothy Allen

Gayle Petty Johnson's daughter, Rev Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Executive Presbyterian of S New England, and the **congregation of Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church** in Springfield, Mass., victims of suspected arson of their church

Family and friends of Stratton Peacock, who died on December 27

Family and friends of Margie Tyas, who died on December 27

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, Richard Speegle, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eternal God,

In sending Your son Jesus, You ushered in the good news of our salvation.

*But You also call us to repentance. Show us where we err, Lord,
and guide us in the paths of righteousness that we may be heralds of Your kingdom.*

Through Jesus Christ, Amen

Prayer composed by Bunny Alexander

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

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Liesl Case
Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

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Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Deacons

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

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Franklin Harris
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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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