



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 7, 2021



PRELUDE

As the Deer

Arr. Sharon Wilson

Michael Barker, *piano*

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Paul Garrity

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly Highland

God has set this day before us,
A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
God has set our lives before us,
A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.
God has set God's seal upon our hearts,
So that we might live fully in deep love.
Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWELL'S 148TH

Matt Begley, *song leader*



Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song! For
Let cour-age be our friend; let wis-dom be our guide, as



Christ the Lord has led us through the a-ges long! In
we in mis-sion mag-ni-fy the Cru-ci-fied!



bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we will be honest: the waiting is hard.
It is awkward to wear masks,
to avoid public gatherings,
to spend so much time watching screens.

We're losing patience and we're losing hope
 as we wait for a new day.
 We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do
 whatever we want without regard for others,
 and wanting to be helpful and generous.
 Dear God, please help us.
 Help us to lean on you and each other
 when things get hard and when we get depressed.
 Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel.
 Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people,
 to the best of our ability in these strange days.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. Amen.

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN



We are for-giv-en, we are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God,
 thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en, we are for-giv-en.
 Thanks be to God, — thanks be to God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:1-11

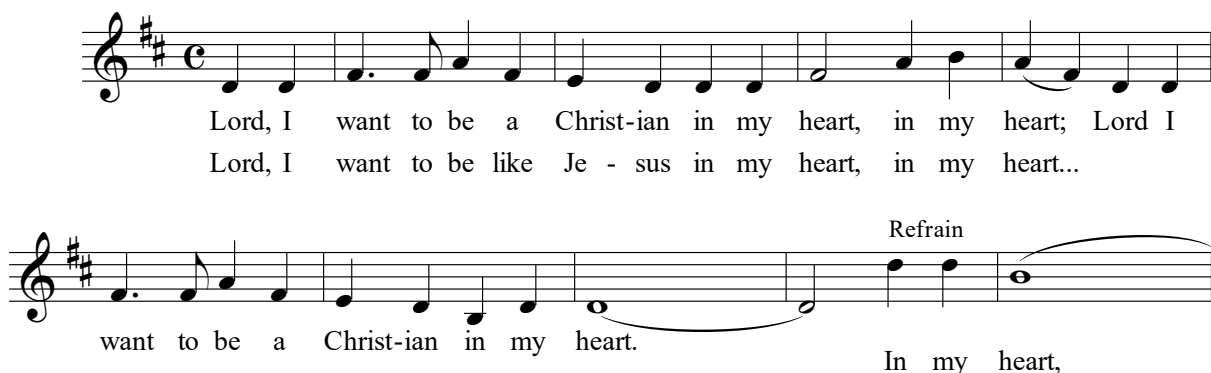
SERMON

The Messiah Puzzle: Priorities

HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

LORD I WANT



Lord, I want to be a Christ-ian in my heart, in my heart; Lord I
 want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart...
 Refrain
 want to be a Christ-ian in my heart. In my heart,

in my heart, Lord, I want to be a
Christ - ian in my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Sicut Cervus

Arr. James Gilbert

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley



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

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Nada Barnett health concerns

Jane Collins fractured hip at Givens Highland Farms Health Care Center

Congratulations to Weston Hall named assistant fire marshall

Katherine Holman's sister-in-law, cancer throughout her body, prognosis not good

Stacy Hana's friend Lauren Lomax died in a car wreck on Sunday. She is survived by her three-year-old, Max.

Prayers for Stacy and Lauren's family

Mary Cooley James, Craig Cooley's daughter, recovering at home in PA from appendectomy

Congratulations to **Rosie & Alvin Johnson** on the birth of their grandson, Otto Leon Whitman

Eleanor Landers back at home, regaining strength after a fall

Congratulations to **Cherie Lunsford** on the birth of her granddaughter, Avonlea Rose

Prayers for comfort for the family following the sudden death of **Lew Rudisill's former husband, Lewis Rudisill**

Family and friends of Ann Weeks who died on January 22

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, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle,

Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson,

Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Expansive God, in these days of pandemic,
each day seems the same as the last, and we cry out for a break and a chance to recharge.
Help us to hear the healing power of Jesus who recognizes us for who and where we are,
and has compassion for us. Grant us Sabbath rest that we may be restored to be your
community of faithful disciples in our hurting world, and give us strength to do your work
with energy, enthusiasm, imagination and love. Amen.*

Prayer composed by Lynn Jostes

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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Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

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Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

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Margo Smith
Tommy Wilkinson

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Ann Herring
Jeannie Maidment
Margie Stansell

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
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