



Be still and know...

BMPC 2021 Lenten Season

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church



PRELUDE

Largo, from New World Symphony

Dvorak

Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

God calls to the lost, the least,
and all who long for home.

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls to the broken in need of loving families.

God calls to the broken families in need of healing.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever!

OPENING HYMN

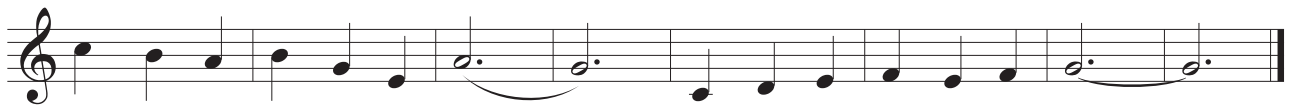
God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Matt Begley, song leader



God of the spar-row, God of the whale, God of the swirl-ing stars:
God of the rain-bow, God of the cross, God of the emp-ty grave:
God of the hun-gry, God of the sick, God of the Pro-di-gal:



how does the crea-ture say Awe; how does the crea-ture say Praise?
How does the crea-ture say Grace; how does the crea-ture say Thanks?
How does the crea-ture say Care, how does the crea-ture say Life?

CALL TO CONFESSION

*God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea,
and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth.*

*Trusting in that mercy and that grace,
let us make our confession, before God and each other:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:
the fear that stifles us,
the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us,
the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes,
and move to those places where love is needed.
Encourage us to believe in your steadfast presence;
You are always calling us home to You.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON



Why should we tar-ry when Je-sus is plead-ing, plead-ing for you and for me?



Why should we lin-ger and heed not his mer-cies, mer-cies for you and for me? — Come



home, — come home! — You who are wear - y come home. —



Ear-nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call-ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news! **In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

Be Still and Know Home

SHARING IN BREAK-OUT ROOMS

HYMN

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART



There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.



peace and re - con - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arr. Michael Barker

Matt Begley, Michael Barker, Eli Barker, *percussion*

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Still and Know

John L. Bell



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Adlai Boyd's nephew is in critical condition following a fall and brain surgery.
Prayers for the extended family of Steven Touchton and Adlai's sister, Anne.

Jim Davies at Mission Hospital

Rachel Hekking's cousin Angela Cartwright died suddenly of a brain aneurysm.
Prayers for the extended family, especially **Angela's two young children.**

Lynn Jostes' brother-in-law, Ronnie Bryant, died early Wednesday morning of "Covid fallout" – residual effects of the virus complicated by the Texas ice storm which took out power and water, and in this case, delayed dialysis. **Prayers for Ronnie's extended family.**

Family and friends of Rev. Dr. Bill Klein who died on February 26 in Roanoke, VA

Eleanor Landers at Mountain Ridge Wellness

Jeannie Maidment is home recovering from knee replacement surgery

Elizabeth Mailander recovering from ACL surgery

Nancy McGill's nephew Kevin lost his wife Brin (age 26) due to complications immediately following the birth of their first child. **Prayers for Nancy and Brin's family.**

The Mullert Family (Montessori school) – new baby, Kent, born with heart defect and awaiting a transplant

Congratulations to **Deb & Wayne Mullis** on the birth of their grandson, Guiermo

Connie Schimpf's brother-in-law in Oklahoma is in critical condition following a fall and brain surgery.
Prayers for the extended family of Willis Wohlgemuth.

Trudy Winstead recovering from a stroke

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, Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, 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

O God, as the frantic and desperate Prodigal saw the wisdom of finally going home, may we sense the Spirit's inner prompting to arise and return to You. Teach us that there will be celebration and mirth and joy, after which we can rest and quietly abide in your holy Secret Place. Lead us gently home, Heavenly Parent. We know you are waiting. Amen.

Prayer composed by Ronald Vaughan

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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