

# BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church



Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 2021 – 11:00 Worship

# Welcome to Worship

We are so happy to see you!

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in E Minor*

JS Bach

Michael Barker, organist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1-6

Jim Layman

### † HYMN

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

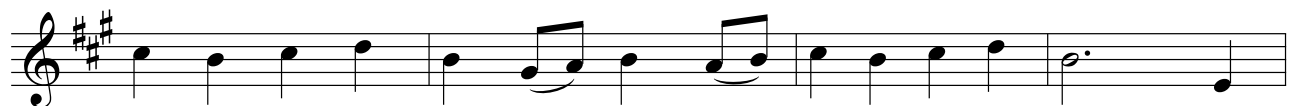
Libby Barker, song leader



I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise, that  
I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God  
There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known. And



spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies. I  
formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them good. Lord,  
clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne, while



sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day. The  
how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye, if  
all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care, and



moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
ev - ery - where that we can be, thou, God art pres - ent there.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from a litany from ForwardMovement.org

Scottie Cannon

Almighty and everlasting God, You created the cosmos, its unsearchable wonders, and this planet Earth, our island home. You have given the Earth's care into our hands, that we might be wise stewards of its bounty.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of Creation, and we confess our sin in failing to care for it.

You created the heavens and the perfect blend of elements in the air we breathe to sustain all life on Earth. Yet we have taken this clear, exquisite air, fresh with the fragrance of green and growing things and have polluted it.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of the air that we breathe, and we confess our sin in polluting it.

You created the earth: its fertile soil and its minerals, to nourish all our countless forms of life, to give growth to plants and forests, to bring forth food to sustain your creatures. Yet we have abused the soil and the Earth through reckless extraction and greed.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of the Earth, and we confess our sin in misusing it.

You created the waters: the sparkling springs, ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, and the vast seas to supply the most essential of life's needs. Your waters not only sustain us, but also fill us with wonder, joy and awe. Yet in our lives of conspicuous consumption we have contaminated them.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of water, and we confess our sin in polluting it

You created all the green things of Earth: mosses and ferns, flowers and shrubs, towering trees and woodlands, interlacing them in a wondrous web of existence. They nourish and heal us, and they astonish us with their beauty, diversity, and splendor. Yet we misuse and destroy them.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of plants and trees, and we confess our sin in misusing them.

You made all the creatures of the Earth: from the smallest microorganisms to blue whales - and all the creatures in between! They also nourish, heal, and bring us delight and wonder. Yet these, too, we abuse and destroy for profit of exploitation or expropriation of their habitats of the thrill of the hunt.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of all your creatures great and small, and we confess our sin in abusing them.

Loving God, you created humankind in all its rich diversity that, living in peace with one another, we might learn and grow in understanding and love and delight. Yet though we know that we are all your children, we still live in fear. We treat others with suspicion and disdain and indifference, walled away in the smallness of the familiar, unwilling to open our minds and hearts to those different from us.

We give you humble thanks for the gift of all your people, and we confess our sin in fearing and distrusting others.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on Earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of creation that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## RESPONSE

### 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

SIMPLE GIFTS



'Tis the gift to be sim-ple 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the  
gift to come down where you ought to be, and when we find our selves in the  
place just right, 'twill be in the land of \_\_\_ love and de-light.  
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we \_\_\_  
shan't be a-shamed, to turn turn will be \_\_\_ our de - light 'til by  
turn - ing turn - ing we come 'round right.

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeannie Franklin

### MESSAGE

*Creation/The Earth is the Lord's* Genesis 1 and 9, Job 41:10-11

Jeannie Franklin

*The Wonder of Creation and Dominion* Psalm 104, Genesis 1 & 2

Karen Austin

*The Healing Power of Nature* Luke 6:12-13

Alan Belsches

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

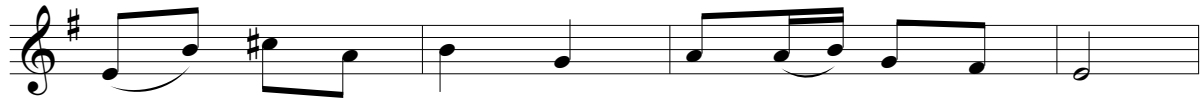
†HYMN

### *Now The Green Blade Rises*

NOEL NOUVELET



Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - in that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;



love lies a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CALL TO OFFERING AND CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

*In the Cool of the Day*

Libby Barker, soloist

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

*Ellacombe*

arr. Robert J. Powell

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Martha Jean Alvis** under hospice care at Highland Farms

**Barbara Jenkins**, on IV fluids and pain meds

**Carolyn Johnson** recovering from knee surgery

**Dave Kadau's dad, John Kadau**, hospitalized for treatment of severe back pain

**Wilma Leary's brother-in-law, Victor Ganjehsani**, lower back, hips, and leg pain

**Bob McMurray** had knee replacement surgery, prayers for a speedy recovery

**Cody Morris** incarcerated in Buncombe County jail for violation of probation

**Joe Rand**, recovering from mild heart attack

**Mark Rose's elderly mother, Diane Rose**, who fell and injured her hip

**John Smith**, woodchipper accident, prayers appreciated

**Janine Spiller's sister, Dana** as she supports long-time companion **Mike** in his final steps of cancer

**Tommy Wilkinson's parents Mary and Bud** as they deal with significant health issues

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan;

**Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar. 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, 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, Jack Wynn**

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Abundant God, you have given us so much in creation  
which blooms especially gloriously in these days.*

*Today, we pray for Mother Earth that we may touch her wounds  
with healing care and love. Forgive our selfishness toward your creation.*

*Teach us to care for all of your creation - for the beauty of the earth  
and the glory of the skies. Lord of all, to you we raise this  
our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.*

*Prayer of the week composed by Mary Miller Brueggemann*

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

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**Greeters** Gayle & Peter Mudge • **Welcome Table** Hospitality & Welcome  
**Ushers** Carol Cauthen, Wayne & Deb Mullis, Barbara Brinson, Cheryl Wilson  
**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

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## **Sunday, April 18**

9:30 a.m. Preschool Church School on Zoom  
9:45 a.m. Becomers Class on Zoom  
10:30 a.m. Biblical Explorations on Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Playground picnic  
3:00 p.m. Mental Health Support Group  
4:00 p.m. Youth group

## **Monday, April 19**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle  
1:00 p.m. Earth Care book study

## **Tuesday, April 20**

1:30 p.m. Staff meeting

## **Wednesday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Lewis Galloway  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Lewis Galloway  
3:00 p.m. RAD Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m. Men's Leadership group

## **Sunday, April 25**

9:30 a.m. Preschool Church School on Zoom  
9:45 a.m. Becomers Class on Zoom  
10:30 a.m. Biblical Explorations on Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Playground picnic  
3:00 p.m. Mental Health Support Group  
4:00 p.m. Youth group  
4:00 p.m. Advanced Commitment gathering

## HAPPY FEET!



We can support our neighbors through SVCM this spring and summer with tennis shoes (sneakers, athletic shoes, etc.) and socks of all sizes, for children and adults.

New or gently used, from your or your neighbors' closet or your local thrift store, are welcome. There will be a display in the narthex for your donations through June 6.

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SOWING  
THE SEED



PLANTING  
OUR FUTURE

Join us in worship next Sunday as we kick off the capital campaign for the future of our church!

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# 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 2021

Liesl Case  
Dave Johnson  
Deb Mullis  
Bill Straughan

#### Class of 2022

Ellen Begley  
Austin Brown  
Daniel Wiggs  
Cheryl Wilson

#### Class of 2023

Alison Banzhoff  
Gay Ferguson  
Jonathan Kadau  
Margo Smith  
Tommy Wilkinson

### Deacons

#### 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

#### Class of 2023

Karen Austin  
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro  
Edie & Joe Covert  
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley  
Diane Ginther  
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 Ministries  
Sam Webber ..... Director of Operations  
Brittany Williams ..... Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry  
Jackie Kerr ..... Director of Communications



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