

# BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 2021 – 11:00 Worship

# Welcome to Worship

Please use the hymn lyrics and tunes for your personal devotion and edification during the service, and beyond. Until it is safe to sing in community, please refrain from singing aloud with the song leader.

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

Minute for Mission

Mary Carroll Dodd and Bill Waterstradt

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

### *There in God's Garden*

Arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Michael Barker, *organist*

A new text and new tune.

Erik Routley paraphrased a Hungarian hymn (written in 1961 by P.K. Imre) in 1974, an Easter hymn that focuses on dual images of “garden” and “tree” over the course of six stanzas.

K. Lee Scott (b.1950) wrote a new tune for this text in 1987; he called the new tune, “SHADES MOUNTAIN.” Scott wrote a choral anthem using his tune along with the Routley paraphrase of the Hungarian text, as well as a handbell arrangement. Robert Buckley Farlee’s organ setting was written in 2000. It falls into two very distinct parts.

*There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:*

*Tree of all knowledge,  
Tree of all compassion,  
Tree of all beauty.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill: Do you not perceive it? GOD is doing a new thing!

Mary Carroll: It springs forth, making a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Bill: In our work and in our fellowship,

Mary Carroll: God is doing a new thing.

Bill: In our prayer and in our silence,

Mary Carroll: God is doing a new thing.

Bill: In our study and in our learning,

Mary Carroll: God is doing a new thing.

Bill: May we perceive the spirit of God in the newness all around us,

Mary Carroll: And may this new life spring forth in our own hearts and lives.

Anna Banzhoff, *song leader*

Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by thy help I'm  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est  
 come; and I hope by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at  
 be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to



praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of  
 thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



bove; praise the mount I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

David Carter Florence

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy risk-taker, Creator God,  
 You ask to sow seeds of courage to protect the powerless  
 but we prefer to remain safe, preserving ourselves for future challenges.  
 You ask us to sow seeds of justice to speak out  
 but we whisper in case we are heard.  
 You ask us to sow seeds of extravagant love to those who are lost,  
 but we would rather blend into the crowd  
 You ask us to sow seeds of faith,  
 but doubting seems so much easier.  
 Lord forgive our calculated efforts to follow you,  
 only when it is convenient to do so,  
 only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
 only with those who make it easy to do so.

Together we pray  
 God forgive us and renew us;  
 Inspire us and challenge us  
 Call us to reckless generosity  
 So that we might risk the journey, to your kingdom with you, Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**RESPONSE**

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines*

VASILE

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out  
 shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has  
 end, a - men. World with - out end, 7 with - out  
 par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has  
 end, a - men. World with - out end, 7 with - out  
 set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
 end, a - men.  
 now and ev - er shall be, a - - men.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Parable of The Sower*

**SERMON**

*God's Garden*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN

### *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

HYMN OF PROMISE



In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -  
tree; in co - coons, a hidden prom - ise, but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the  
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bringing hope to you and me. From the  
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our  
cold and snow of win - ter, there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -  
past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -  
death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -  
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bob Tuttle

CALL TO OFFERING AND CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

*You Are the Seed*

Cesareo Gabaraín

Raquel Gutiérrez-Acho, Skinner Chávez-Melo

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in F*

John Stanley

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

**Fatima Barao and family (friends of Joe Carreiro)** following the loss of their mom

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

Congratulations to **Keithie Knowles** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Mia Willow Sheil,  
in Leipzig Germany

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

**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

**Elizabeth Turnage's friend, Ann M.**, following minor dental surgery after a fall

**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

*Living God, you are the source of wisdom and power.*

*You have watched over us through all our days.*

*When we are in trouble, you have kept us close with tenderness and love.*

*Hear those today who carry heavy burdens and watch over them.*

*We give thanks for signs of justice in our land.*

*We pledge our gifts and our lives in your service  
through Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen*

*Prayer of the week composed by Mary Miller Brueggemann*

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

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**Greeters** Cheryl Wilson • **Welcome Table** Hospitality & Welcome

**Ushers** Jim and Kay Layman, Russ and Janine Spiller

**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

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## **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

## **Monday, April 26**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle

1:00 p.m. Earth Care book study

## **Tuesday, April 27**

1:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team

1:30 p.m. Staff meeting

## **Wednesday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Lewis Galloway

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Lewis Galloway

3:00 p.m. RAD Wednesdays!

6:00 p.m. Session

7:30 p.m. Men's Leadership group

## **Sunday, May 2**

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

## 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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Join us in worship  
next week, May 2,  
for  
**Youth Sunday!**

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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  
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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