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.

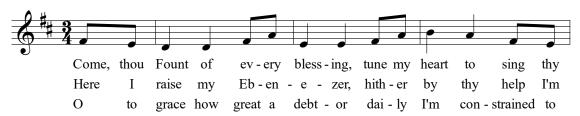
Bill: In our study and in our learning,

Mary Carroll: God is doing a new thing.

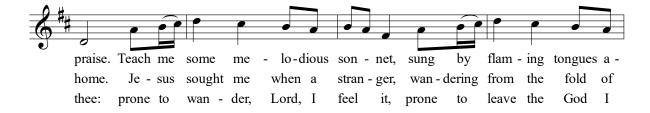
Bill: May we perceive the spirit of God in the newness all around us,

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

Anna Banzhoff, song leader









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!



LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

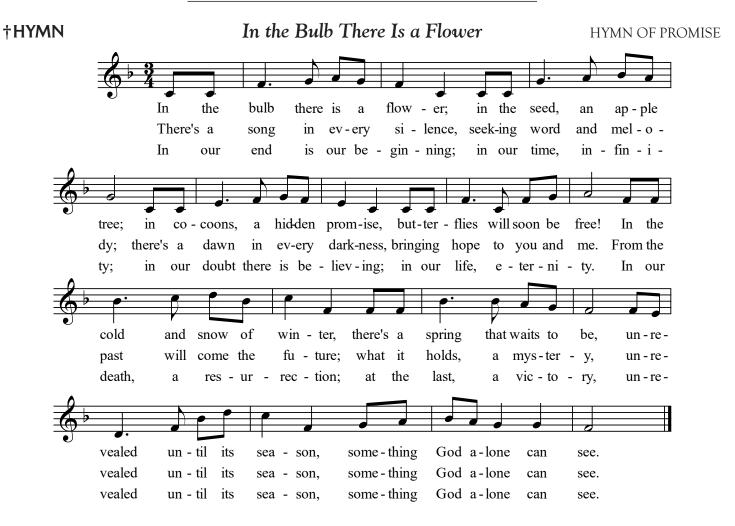
SCRIPTURE READING

Parable of The Sower

SERMON

God's Garden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



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

Greeters Cheryl Wilson • Welcome Table Hospitality & Welcome
Ushers Jim and Kay Layman, Russ and Janine Spiller
Bus Driver Dave McClintock • Head Usher Perry Sprawls

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

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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.

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

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Yvette Ballard
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Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
Cathy & Neil McMillan
Gayle & Peter Mudge
Kay & Mike Salmon
Margaret Waterstradt

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Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
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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 St |
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| David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation |
| Bob Tuttle |
| Michael BarkerDirector of Music and Worship A |
| Alice PattonDirector of Preschool Ministri |
| Sam WebberDirector of Operatio |
| Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Minist |
| Jackie Kerr Director of Communicatio |



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