

SOWING THE SEED PLANTING OUR FUTURE



PENTECOST

Commitment Sunday

May 23, 2021 – 11:00 Worship



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

PRELUDE

Rhythmic Celebration

Michael Barker

based on Mark 4, CEB

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,
darkness was over the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Centuries before Jesus walked among us,
the Spirit of God was promised to him,
so that he would bring justice to the nations.

In those days, says the Lord –

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead,
in those days when no one really knew what was going on
or what was going to happen –

In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

And when the disciples pushed out their fear
and as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new
and as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood –

In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

With joy and awe.

The church was born.

Our church.

God's church.

Let us worship the Spirit of God on this new day!

Austin Brown and Donna Drake, *song leaders*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
 Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:
 huddled in fear of what others will think,
 of what others will do,
 of what God will do.

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:
 making fun of what we do not understand,
 tearing down what is sacred to another
 waiting until we are sure it's okay.

Always God is with us:
 nudging us like a gentle breeze,
 stirring us with flames of hope
 speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts.

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
 God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost.
 The Spirit is still with us,
 empowering us to know mercy and grace,
 forgiveness and service.

In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE*We Love*

Ann F. Price and Nylea Butler-Moore

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken* Arr. Michael Barker

SCRIPTURE DRAMA *The Sower* Robert C. Evans, arranged by Michael Barker
from **Mark 4**

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 2**

SERMON **Bloom**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit* Ahrens

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

H.H. Maung

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RAD

We thank all of our Recreation, Arts, and Drama children, parents, and volunteers, especially Annamarie Arens, Jane Belsches, Jean Chamberlain, Becky Jo Sumner, and Cheryl Wilson for their care and love of our children. We restart with a full program in the fall.

Connect with us on our website

Visitors: let us know of your interest or questions about BMPC.

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for our capital campaign, that it will positively touch
and be received by each member and friend of BMPC

Eddie Covert's brother, Stephen Carper, surgery and recovery

Janine Spiller's sister Dana following the death of her long-time companion Mike Wilson

Nick (Russ and Janine Spiller's neighbor) diagnosed with tongue cancer

Johnnie Wood's great granddaughter, Jane Colby, age 5, who fell and broke her leg

This bulletin was printed on May 14.

Please send new joys and concerns to jackie@bmpcnc.org

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, Ruth Janes, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand,

Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Oh, Lord, we come to BMPC, aware of Holy Space.

May that space be wholly useful. May both people and places here be freely devoted and fully dedicated to Your service. As old facilities are transformed, may they be thoughtfully designed and prayerfully deployed.

*As God's People, we are called to enter the Lord's Place,
a building, a Body, this Sanctuary of Grace.*

And give Thee thanks. Amen.

Prayer of the week composed by Russ and Janine Spiller

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters and Welcome Table Hospitality & Welcome
Bus Driver Joe Carreiro • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, May 23

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
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle
1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, May 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Prophets Practice

Wednesday, May 26

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

Sunday, May 30

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
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day

First Fruit Offering

Sunday, June 6

We will bring the first installment of our pledged gifts to the campaign.

BBQ & Bluegrass

Sunday, June 6

after 11:00 worship service in the south parking lot to honor our graduating seniors.



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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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