



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

COURAGEOUS

summer sermon series

CONVERSATIONS

First Fruits and Senior Sunday

June 6, 2021 – 11:00 Worship

Grace and peace! All are welcome here!

Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain where the welcome never ends! We seek to share the love of Jesus Christ by inspiring worship and faith formation, nurturing authentic relationships, equipping disciples to serve, and being a welcoming and inclusive community to all. We invite all to join us on the journey!

Please silence all communication devices. This sanctuary incorporates a hearing assistance loop; to engage this system, set hearing aids to the “t-coil” setting. † indicates to stand, if you are able.

The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

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CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

PRELUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

Big Deal Band

CALL TO WORSHIP

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

From the very beginning of life, God speaks with love and blessing.

**We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who creates us in our mother’s womb
and claims us as God’s own.**

We have seen the wondrous deeds of the almighty God!

Let us worship God with songs of praise this day!

HYMN NO. 69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Calling God,
too often we are hesitant in our proclamation;
seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.
Merciful God,
too often we are half-hearted in our service;
reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.
Holy God,
too often we live as if dependent only on our own resources;
relying on our perceived skills and modest insights...

... silent prayers...

Sending God, forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith
and open wide our hearts and minds to your powerful
presence in our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE *You Don't Love God if You Don't Love Your Neighbor*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-9

SERMON

Courageous Conversations: Curiosity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN NO. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

WATERLIFE

LITURGY OF CELEBRATION FOR OUR GRADUATES

God of truth and grace,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
We ask for your blessing on our graduates.

We thank you for those,
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.

Walk with the graduates as they leave and move forward in life.
We ask that you will guide and support them
when they are anxious or confused.

Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and used for the good of all people.

For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

May they always know that
Christ is alive and goes before us,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings,
our God is making all things new.

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR GIFT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

Gospel Medley

Will the Circle Be Unbroken, I'll Fly Away, This Little Light of Mine

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Walking in Jerusalem Just Like John



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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

Susan and Mary McElrath request prayers for **their cousin, Jo Kirby**,
who is recovering from heart bypass surgery at CarePartners

Family and friends of **Frances Magruder**, who died on Wednesday, May 26.

Dick Nygren, recovering at home following time in the hospital

Porter Reece, broken tibia, spiral fracture, and bone splintering from a slip n slide accident

Katherine Stanley, at Mission, prayers for healing

Ann Wiig, prayers for her grief after losing Ken, the love of her life

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, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath,
Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer,
Richard Speegle, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*In this moment, we thank you, O God, for your blessings of life, love, hope,
joy and peace, even when they are not visible. In this moment, we thank you, O God,
for your presence within us and among us, as you abide with us, even when you
are not visible. Lead us to be ready to present to you our whole lives with joyful hearts.
Through Jesus Christ, who is alive today and forever more. Alleluia! Amen.*

Prayer of the week composed by Connie Button

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters and Welcome Table Hospitality & Welcome

Bus Driver Tom Cannon · **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, June 6

- 9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 10:30 a.m. Biblical Explorations on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. BBQ & Bluegrass
- 4:30 p.m. Taylor Morris Reception

Tuesday, June 8

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Practice

Wednesday, June 9

- 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

Thursday, June 10

- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality and Welcome Team
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group

Sunday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic
- 3:30 p.m. Mental Health Support Group
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Team

BBQ & Bluegrass

TODAY

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

FirstLight worship
begins next week
Sunday, June 13
9:00 a.m.



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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

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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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