



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

COURAGEOUS

summer sermon series

CONVERSATIONS

June 13, 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

David Carter Florence

PRELUDE

The Ash Grove

Arr. Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

John came out of the wilderness
to call for people to turn the status quo around.

He preaches to us still.

John lived with Isaiah’s image
of making a straight and smooth path,

A path for all to walk.

Fill in the valleys;
level off the hills.

Smooth out the ruts; clear out all the rocks.

Prepare the way for God's reign,
an empire of justice and love.

HYMN NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God,
God of the Wilderness,
you have sent us prophets
and we have not seen or heard.

Help us to see and hear.

We confess that we need to seek more just ways to live every day.

Do not let our wine be stale and stuck in old wineskins.

Let us pour imaginative wine into new wineskins.

Then we will celebrate with you.

Open our hearts
and free us from our prejudices
so that everyone will be invited to the celebration.

Lead us to invite all,
not out of obligation or tolerance,
but to discover the beauty of each person
and cultivate affection for all people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As the seasons change, the Creator restores creation,
so too God restores us in our struggles.

In the name of God who lives and moves among us.

We are forgiven, through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

RESPONSE NO. 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Brittany Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:7-14

SERMON

Courageous Conversations: Pre-Game Pep Talks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A New Creed* (1968) United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Arr. Fred Bock

“...one who is more powerful than I is coming...” Luke 3.16

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Sortie in B-Flat

Louis Lefebure-Wely



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

Frank Dimmock leaving for Africa for six weeks to work in refugee camps

Ellen Gibson, major back surgery on Monday, June 14

Rosie Johnson's mom, Vivolynn Crandall, at home rehabilitating from a stroke

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.

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

*God of all hope, God of all justice, God of all mercy,
inspire us and give us courage to speak your truth in all times and all places.*

*May we be led to lives of faith and service,
that all my know of your forgiveness and redeeming grace.*

Through Christ our Redeemer. Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer of the week composed by Connie Button

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Rosie Johnson

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

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

Monday, June 14

6:30 p.m. Mission Team on Zoom

Tuesday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

3:30 p.m. Generosity Team

Thursday, June 17

8:00 p.m. Deacons

Sunday, June 20

Campaign Announcement Sunday

We will announce and give thanks for the total commitments received so far.

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

We need volunteers on Sunday mornings

Let Brittany know if you can help with any of the following:

Nursery • Extended Session (children's worship time) • Ushers • Greeters • Welcome table • AV/Sound

All ages can participate!

Contact brittany@bmpcnc.org or call the church office, 669-2725.

Second Loaf is Back

Second Loaf has resumed on Saturdays at 7-11 a.m. – through Saturday, August 7, with the exception of Saturday, July 3.

Donations of shelf-ready food for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry (SVCN) pantry and prepared food for local families will be collected at the Second Loaf tent in front of BMPC.

Thank you for sharing your leftover food to ease food insecurity for our neighbors in need.



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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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