

COURAGEOUS summer sermon series

August 1, 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.

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep From Singing (variation, traditional)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

INTROIT NO. 399

God Welcomes All

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe God still creates-We are called to see more clearly. We believe God still speaks-We are asked to listen more carefully. We believe God still guides-We long to walk more faithfully. We believe God still breathes life into the world-We dream of inhaling more deeply. May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking, breathing. May this be a time of true worship. Amen. David Carter Florence

God of the Sparrow

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, paths that lead instead to fear or separation. paths that lead to isolation and loss.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things.

... silent prayers...

Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!



LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children three years old through kindergarten are invited to leave after Faith Sharing to hear a Bible story and have play time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Genesis 2:4b-15	John 1:35-51
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SERMON Courageous Conversations: Where is home?

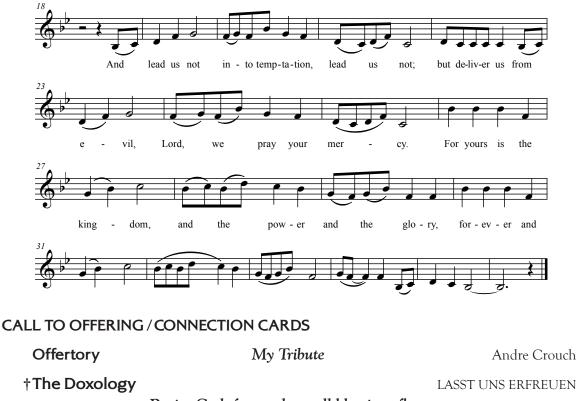
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 317 In Christ There is no East or West

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE CAMDODIAN LORD'S PRAYER

As you listen to the music, think about images of home. Throughout your journey of life, where are the places and spaces that have felt like home to you?





Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 80 You Shall Go Out with Joy

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

There's a Song In the Air

Josiah Holland

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In this time of transition in our music ministry, we welcome Aaron Price as our guest musician.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Gladys Brooks recovering at home from a fractured shoulder

Family and friends of Jim Davies who died on July 22

Edward Hay recovering at home after a hospital visit with an undiagnosed illness

Joe Rand at the VA Hospital Hospice Center

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list, please call 669-2725, or email 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: Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Ruth Janes, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Porter Reece, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison, Barbara Witherspoon, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Good morning Lord, it is summer and many of us are traveling and reconnecting with family, friends, nature, and our favorite places. People and places that bring us joy and laughter, that remind us of good times we have had, and give us hope for a future without fear. We are thankful for those who have made it possible for us to return to a semblance of normalcy. Thank You for giving us each precious day that we have. Remind us that yesterday is behind us and tomorrow is out of reach.

And wherever we are this day, remind us to love, believe, do, and mostly live. Amen.

composed by Margie Stansell

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.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Bus Driver Dave McClintock · Head Usher Perry Sprawls

Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, August 2 3:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team

Tuesday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning 12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Saturday, August 7 11:00 a.m. Isbell Behrer memorial service

Sunday, August 8

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic
 - 4:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Team



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Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • Welcome Table Glenda McDaniel

Memorial Services in August

Isbell Behrer Saturday, August 7, 11:00 a.m.

Sara LeVan Saturday, August 21, 2:00 p.m.

Lamar Williamson Saturday, August 28, 2:30 p.m.

Save The Date!

Annual BMPC Picnic Labor Day – September 6 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Camp Rockmont 375 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain

Name Tags

If you need a name tag, please email jackie@bmpcnc.org and send your name the way you want it on the tag.

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

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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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Class of 2023 Karen Austin Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro Edie & Joe Covert Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley **Diane Ginther** Ann Herring Ieannie 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
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Sam Webber	Director of Operations
Brittany Williams	Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
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