

Earth Care Sunday

April 24, 2022, 11:00 AM



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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.

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

Minute for Mission

Mallory McDuff

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Variation on “Look at The World”

John Rutter/arr. Aaron Price

†CALL TO WORSHIP

written by Alan Belsches

Alan Belsches

As the sun returns in the spring
And your Son leaves the dark tomb,

We rejoice in your universe.

As the spring rains sweeten the soil
And the rivers fill their banks,

We rejoice in your world.

As the daffodils and the trillium
Awaken to show your glory,

We rejoice in your creation.

May you continue to say,
“it was very good.”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeannie Franklin

Lord, you gave us a beautiful garden, our Earth, as our home,
and asked us to be caretakers of it for you.

**We thank you for the gift of our beautiful Earth, for still waters, green pastures,
uncut forests, wild animals, and plentiful sources of energy.**

We confess our sin in failing to take care of these gifts.

When we adults of today were children, growing up with plentiful clean water,
electricity, and gasoline, we did not understand what our lifestyle was costing the planet.
But now we know. Where we live, what we eat, what we drive, and what we buy all come
with a cost. Everywhere we look, climate is changing faster than we thought.

**Ice sheets are melting, sea level is rising, hurricanes are stronger,
wildfires are out of control, and species are dying.**

Please forgive us for harm already done, known and unknown.

Forgive us for thinking there's nothing we can do, that our efforts to heal the Earth
are too small to do any good. Forgive us for waiting for others to fix the problem.

Lord, sometimes we feel overwhelmed with all there is to do.

Where shall we find Hope in the midst of all of this?

Hear the good news from science: This story is not yet over.

It is not too late to avoid the most serious and dangerous impacts.

The Earth needs a critical mass of individuals and institutions that practice low-impact
living. Everything we do, young and old, to help the Earth will make the future better.

Hear the Apostle Paul: "We know that troubles help us not to give up.

When we have learned not to give up, it shows we have stood the test.

When we have stood the test, it gives us Hope."

Optimism is a passive feeling, but Hope is a spiritual practice,
something we do rather than have. We identify what we hope for;
then we take steps, individually and together as a church, to move in that direction.

Creator God, we are Resurrection people. Help us to practice Hope together.

Help us to practice Resurrection, the Resurrection of our Earth, our home.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, the lord God made them all
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty, who has made all things well!*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Margaret Fouse

*Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to leave
after Faith Sharing to hear a Bible story and play.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Layman

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

The Experiential Age

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Carter Florence

*Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green*

THE LORD'S PRAYER from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Anthem

The Earth is the Lord's

Carl Nygard

†The Doxology NO. 717 *For the Life That You Have Given*

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 80

You Shall Go Out With Joy

*While we sing this hymn, you are invited to come forward
with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

All Things Come of Thee

John Rutter

†POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Jack Wynn
who entered God's Church Triumphant on April 15.*

*Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of David Kaylor
who entered God's Church Triumphant on April 20.*

Jane and Alan Belsches on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Audrey Claire**

Michelle Ferguson, sciatica following knee replacement surgery

Carolyn Johnson, following the death of her sister, Susan Fletcher, on April 16

Rachael Lee, diagnosed with breast cancer, prayers appreciated

Family and friends of Jerry Newbold who died on April 13

Liz and Stephen Riley on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Evelyn Riley Howell**

Johnnie Wood's daughter, Kim, following a bone marrow transplant at Johns Hopkins in DC

Debby Vial and David Castello's grandson, Asher Smith-Vial, recuperating from appendix surgery

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list (with their permission), 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 Students: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia;

Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Mike Barker, Nada Barnett, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham,

Jane Collins, Art De Jong, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Beverly Highland, Becky Hughes,

Eleanor Landers, Hugh Mayronne, Mary McElrath, Polly Miller, Becky Peterson,

Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy,

Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Joe Standaert, Katherine Stanley,

Tom Stiles, Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Jen & Cory Partlow

Bus Driver Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, April 24

Earth Care Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Potluck w/ Mallory McDuff
- 3:00 p.m. Music Search Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Take Five @ 5
- 6:00 p.m. Facilities Task Force

Monday, April 25

- 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Earth Care Field Trip
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, April 26

- Presbytery at Montreat
- 1:00 p.m. PW Bible Study
 - 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 - 2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
 - 6:30 p.m. Lydia / Mission
 - 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, April 27

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Generosity Team
- 3:30 p.m. RAD!
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 29

- 6:35 p.m. Asheville Tourist Game



Take me out to the ballgame!

Friday, April 29

We have reserved 50 tickets for the Asheville Tourist baseball game on April 29 when they will play the Winston-Salem Dash. Tickets are \$9 and are in a section that is covered. There will be fireworks after the game! Game starts at 6:35 p.m.

Call the church office (669-2725) by April 25, to reserve your ticket.

Next Sunday, May 1, is

CHILDREN and YOUTH SUNDAY

There will be only ONE service at 11:00.



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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 2022

Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

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Alison Banzhoff
Gay Ferguson
Margo Smith
Tommy Wilkinson

Class of 2024

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Bill Gilliland
Ken Kelly
Ellen Phillips Smith

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Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
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Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro
Edie & Joe Covert
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley
Diane Ginther
Jeannie Maidment
Margie Stansell

Class of 2024

Annamarie & Bill Arens
Christy Carswell
Julie & Dale Culpepper
Melissa Kadau
Ellen McClintock
Anne Straughan
Ann Wiig

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
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications
Betsy Ray Interim Youth Director
Aaron Price Interim Music Director



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