

The climate crisis is both the easiest and the hardest issue we have ever faced. The easiest because we know what we must do. We must stop the emissions of greenhouse gases. The hardest because our current economics are still totally dependent on burning fossil fuels, and thereby destroying ecosystems in order to create everlasting economic growth.

*Once we start to act, hope is everywhere.
So instead of looking for hope, look for action.
Then, and only then, hope will come.*

quotes by Greta Thunburg

Earth Care Sunday

April 30, 11:00 a.m.

**Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully
called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain
where the welcome never ends.**

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Carter Florence

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Many and Great Dakota melody, words Jr Renville, 1842

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the Alpha and Omega! I'm A to Z!
I'm the Beginning; I'm the Conclusion
God's providence and sovereignty reign.
Let all people be aware and praise you.

† **HYMN NO. 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God,
We confess that we are anxious when we could be calm.
We feel scarcity, when there is abundance.
We settle for the partial, when we could seek wholeness.
Forgive us when we miss the vision and promises of your new creation.
Guide us into your kingdom.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

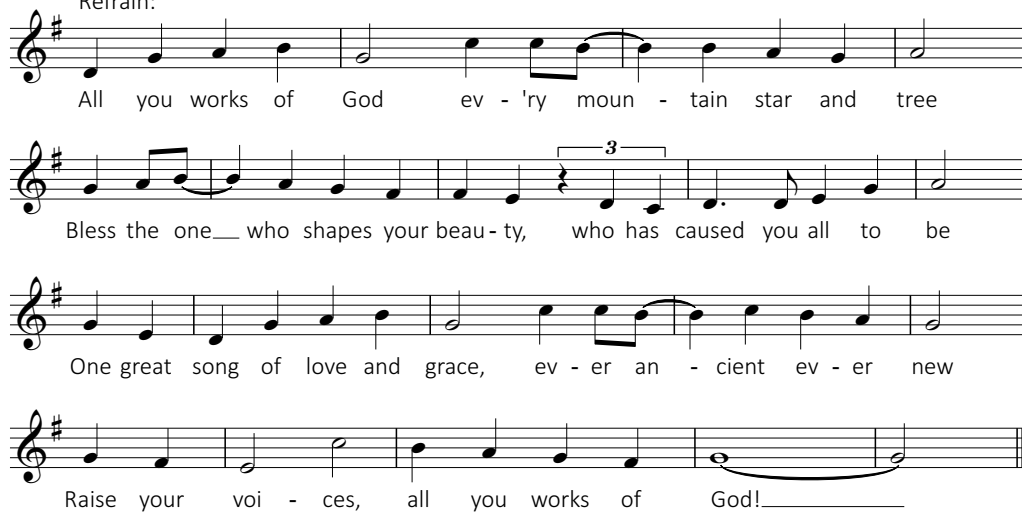
Friends, live this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE

All You Works of God

Marty Haugen

Refrain:



All you works of God ev - 'ry moun - tain star and tree
Bless the one who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be
One great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new
Raise your voi - ces, all you works of God!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Katherine Holman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5

SERMON

Reflections on the Tenth Anniversary of Earth Care at BMPC

Jeannie Franklin, Karen Austin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

†WORLDLY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Vivian Pickett

I affirm the earth as sacred in my life
because I am dust and to the dust I will return.

We are the living earth;
she groans next to me and together, with me, she will be liberated.

**I affirm water as sacred in my life,
water that has been both a pleasure
and a refreshment for tired bodies from generation to generation.**

**We are fresh water;
it gives us life as it runs through our veins
and revives us for resurrection.**

I affirm life on Earth as sacred,
life that bursts in the world stubbornly against death.
We are resurrected life,
the harmonious vitality of dignity that becomes “good living.”

**I affirm plants and animals as sacred in my life
because of the relationships that bind us.**

**We are creation, trees and fungi,
fish and wild beasts, birds and insects.**

We have flesh and roots that bear witness to creative and creating Wisdom.

I affirm wind as sacred in my life
because it is subversively democratic.
We are a holy breeze, a Spirit that blows everywhere
to give breath to suffocated lives.

**I affirm death as sacred in my life
when it is worthy and comes when it must – at the right time.**

**We are resurrection,
death does not have the last word;
we do not live to die, but we die to rise again.**

Therefore, I affirm my faith in the God of earth, water, life, plants, and animals.

I affirm my faith in God that it is wind... breath of life and resurrection of Christ. Amen

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bob Tuttle

PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

THE OFFERING

Offertory

God in Such Love For Us

Malcolm Archer

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*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

Make Me A Servant

Kelly Willard

POSTLUDE

Walking in Your Footsteps

Gordon Sumner

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Hugh Mayronne, who joined God's Church Triumphant on April 24. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Sam Baraki, who joined God's Church Triumphant on April 26. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Barbara Brinson recovering from outpatient surgery on April 28

Jim Elam at Veterans Home Black Mountain

Fred Kinnard, Leslie Applewhite's brother in Florida, metastatic lung cancer

Sally Pollard at Mountain Ridge Wellness Center, visitors welcome

Ken Scott recovering from vertebroplasty, a back procedure

Kitty Slattery, Fran Leahy's mother, died on April 13

Anne Straughan recovering from hip replacement 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

Mission Partners: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar;

Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**; *This Child Here/Ukraine*: **Robert Gamble**;

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:

Chad Carlton, **Paul Carreiro**, **Jane Collins**, **Art De Jong**, **Jackie Gibbs**, **Ellen Gibson**,

Kevin Griffin, **Becky Hughes**, **Rachael Lee**, **Mark McDaniel**, **Mary McElrath**,

NeGrete Family, **Casey Newton**, **Becky Peterson**, **Elissa Pusser**, **Margaret Rada**,

Betty Rand, **Penny Sampson**, **Charles Sandy**, **Callie Shaffer**, **Paul Willison**

Connect with us on our website: bmpcnc.org

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

Welcome Table Ron Botsford **Bus Driver** Dave McClintock **Greeter** Perry Sprawls
Ushers Jack Williams, Ellen McClintock, Cherie Lunsford, Dave Johnson

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Grief Share Support Group
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 1

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 2:30 p.m. Earth Care Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Womens' AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 3

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, May 6

- 9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga

LITE LUNCH

Sunday, May 7, 12:30pm

Green Tee Grille

15 Ross Drive, Black Mountain

We will learn more about Bread For the World and what we can do as a church community to help end HUNGER.

RSVP:

Barbara Gaw – 775-4463



BMCP Youth
CAR WASH
fundraiser

◆ **Saturday**
May 6th
10-12pm

RAISING MONEY FOR
YOUTH RETREATS,
CONFERENCES &
ACTIVITIES

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 2023

Alison Banzhoff (faith formation)
Gay Ferguson (congregational life)
Sarah Wren Robinson (youth elder)
Margo Smith (strategic planning)
Tommy Wilkinson (mission)

Class of 2024

Alan Belsches (property)
Bill Gilliland (personnel)
Ken Kelly (faith formation)
Ellen Phillips Smith (worship)

Class of 2025

Mary Carroll Dodd (Hospitality & Welcome)
Kristy Beaver (congregational life)
Steve Riley (Finance)
Mike Begley (Generosity)

Deacons

Class of 2023

Karen Austin
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley
Diane Ginther
Jeannie Maidment
Margie Stansell
Janine & Russ Spiller

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Ann Carr Adkins
Liesl Case
Susan McElrath
Alice McDowell
Katherine Holman
Harriette Fulton & Robert Sway
Jayne & Ronald Vaughan
Debbly Vial

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor and Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Aaron Price Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications
Katie Duvall Youth Coordinator
Suzane Churchman Bookkeeper
Steve Kint Custodian



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