



# Telling Our Story

Sunday, July 9, 2023



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

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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

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Fountain in the Rain*: variations

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*inspired by Isaiah 55:1-3*

Come to the water, all you who thirst,  
come drink deeply from the river of life.

**Come to the water, all you who are weary,  
come rest in the quiet springs of God's love.**

Come to the water, all you who long for justice,  
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

**For God is here among us,  
washing away all that holds us from abundant life,  
pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.**

Let us worship God together!

† HYMN NO. 664

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*inspired by John 4:4-42*

God of living water,  
we confess the dryness of our lives:  
the brittle words we have thought and spoken . . .

the relationships that are crumbling . . .  
the arid perspective that centers on self . . .  
the cracked and jagged edges of our world . . .

Hear our confession, O Christ,  
and rain down your mercy upon us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, verse 1

*Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it: mount of Thy redeeming love*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 104: selected verses*

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, arr. Martin Tell



Lord, send out your Spi - rit and re - new the face of the earth.

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SERMON

Finding Living Water

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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†HYMN NO. 479

*Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Summary of the Law* (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our Lord Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

## THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

*Pass It On*

Kurt Kaiser

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going*

*And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing*

*That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it*

*You spread His love to everyone you want to pass it on.*

*What wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
We want to sing it's new like spring, we want to pass it on.  
I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found  
We can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me I want to pass it on.*

† Doxology

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, amen*

† Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on Bunesan*

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Yvette Ballard** recovering at home following hip and knee replacement

**Cynthia Battles, Yvette Ballard's friend**, has breast cancer and will be undergoing some tough treatments. Her husband, Carl, just finished a cancer battle and received bad test reports.

**Diane and Paul Ginther** following the death of their son, Kevin

**Matt Horne** preparing for open heart surgery

**Darrell Johnson** recovering at home from open heart surgery on June 14

**Jason Lewis**, colleague of Leslie Carreiro, recovering from major surgery and rehab.  
Also Jason's mother-in-law, **Brenda Brackett**, beginning chemo

**Neil and Cathy McMillan and their daughter Carolyn** following the death of their son-in-law, Mark Hutton, after a two-year bout with cancer

**Ken Scott** recovering at Mountain Ridge Wellness Center

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](mailto: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, Jane Collins, Art De Jong, Jackie Gibbs, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin,**

**Becky Hughes, Mark McDaniel, Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Casey Newton,**

**Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy,**

**Callie Shaffer, Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young**

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Greeter** Jim Layman   **Ushers** Rebecca Brown, Judy Williams

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## **Sunday, July 9**

- 9:00 a.m.    Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m.   Family Worship
- 10:30 a.m.   Montreat Worship

## **Monday, July 10**

- 4:00 p.m.    Congregational Life
- 6:00 p.m.    Session

## **Tuesday, July 11**

- 12:00 p.m.   Book Club
- 1:30 p.m.    Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.    Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.    Prophets

## **Wednesday, July 12**

- 11:30 a.m.   Old Fellers Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.    Generosity Team

## **Thursday, July 13**

- 1:30 p.m.    Red Cross Blood Drive
- 5:00 p.m.    Karate with Tanner

## **Saturday, July 15**

- 9:30 a.m.    Bounty & Soul Yoga

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, July 13, 1:30-6pm**

Schedule an appointment at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or from our website on the outreach opportunities page.

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## I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM

**Sunday, July 16, 3:30 p.m.**

National Ice Cream Day is July 16 and certainly the members of BMPC want to honor this auspicious date. Come to the church house and bring your favorite ice cream or any of your favorite toppings. This is a family event and Andy Gwynn will be there to play music and have some sing-alongs of familiar songs and hymns. We hope to see you, rain or shine!

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**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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.

# 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  
Tom and Sam Maynard  
Ann Wiig

### Class of 2025

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