



Sunday Worship March 10, 2024 – 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. †indicates to stand, if you are able.
The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Goodness of God

traditional/arr. A. Price

†CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Make your petitions heard, for God saves us in times of trouble.

Christ's steadfast love endures forever.

God satisfies our hunger for good things,
and quenches our thirst with living water.

The Spirit's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship together.

†HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.

Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.

We want to hold your world in our hands.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity.

Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.

Forgive us for fixating on one truth,

when we could open ourselves up to many.

Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are transformed by grace.

† RESPONSE 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-26

SERMON

Ordinary People

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by A Sanctified Art

I believe in a God of second chances,
a God who sees through my stubbornness
and holds my fear with tenderness.

I believe that this God of second chances
uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

This change is holy and important work, although challenging.

When fear and scarcity plague me,
or when the impossible feels out of reach,

I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Musical Meditation

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

*Lord, you have searched and known me; you know everything I do
When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through*

Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say

Your presence follows me day by day

Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven or live in hell, you are there

†Doxology

New Gloria

GLORIA NOVUM (A. Price)

first time: choir; second time: all sing

Glo - ry be to the cre - a tor,
to the Christ and to the ho - ly ghost
as it was in the be-gin-ning is now and e-ver shall be
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world with-out end, a men, a - men, a - men!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Into Your Loving Care

D. Catherwood

POSTLUDE

We welcome and give thanks for the musical gifts of harpist Jessica Meltz

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Jim Elam who entered God's Church Triumphant on March 2. A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Craig Bannerman, recovering at home

Nan Higgins and Betty Hill, welcoming visitors at GHF Health Care Center

Tom Maynard, recovering at home from heart bypass surgery on February 28

Gayle Mudge, recovering at home

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**;

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:

Tom Cannon, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Callie Shaffer, Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young

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

FirstLight Ushers Nancy Ellington, Andrea DeWitt FL Greeter Helen Davies

Bus Dave McClintock 11:00 Ushers Gay Ferguson, Cherie Lunsford, Dave Johnson, Ellen McClintock

Sunday, March 10

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Second Sunday Programming
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 11

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Group
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Life Team
- 5:15 p.m. Faith Formation Team
- 5:30 p.m. Property Team, Strategic Planning
- 7:00 p.m. Hospitality & Welcome, Mission, Personnel Teams

Tuesday, March 12

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, March 13

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Reducing The Risk of Dementia at Any Age
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Art Show

Saturday, March 16

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

Bread For The World – Lenten Prayers for an end to hunger

Lent Week 4 – March 10-16

Jesus teach us to keep our eyes on you

Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

–John 3:14-15

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

–Psalm 107:19-20

PRAYER

O God, we know that you promise healing and restoration for all of your creation in the resurrection of Jesus. Teach us to raise our eyes to you when we are broken, when your world is broken, so that we might know your healing love. Amen.

ACTION

When we join together, our actions can have a bigger impact on healing the injustices in the world. Now that you have written your members of Congress, invite your church, community, and friends to write also. Bread for the World's Offering of Letters is an opportunity for individuals, congregations, campuses, and groups to gather and write personalized letters or emails to their members of Congress on hunger and poverty issues. To learn how you can organize an Offering of Letters, visit Bread.org/OL.

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

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Alan Belsches (property)
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Ken Kelly (faith formation)
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Kristy Beaver (congregational life)
Steve Riley (finance)
Mike Begley (generosity)

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Emily Munn (faith formation)
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Tom and Sam Maynard
Ann Wiig

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Liesl Case
Susan McElrath
Alice McDowell
Katherine Holman
Harriette Fulton and Robert Sway
Jayne and Ronald Vaughan
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Blake and Janet Martin
Joyce Massey
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