

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday in Easter
April 15, 2018

Gathering of God's People

"Blessed are those who know their need for theirs is the grace of heaven." – Matt. 5: 3

Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style* Young

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship (**Please read bold**) Psalm 4

O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 168 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

Prayer for the Life of the World (**Please read bold**) John Philip Newell

In lives where love has been born this day, **thanks be to you, O God.**

In families where forgiveness has been strong, **thanks be to you, O God.**

In nations where wrongs have been addressed, **thanks be to you, O God.**

May those who are weary find rest. May those who carry great burdens find strength.

And may the least among us find strength in their souls, worth in their words,

love in their living. **HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

(Silent prayers for peace)

Assurance of Pardon (Matthew 11:28)

"Come to me, you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Story Time

*Hymn of Meditation 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* SUO GAN

Pastoral Prayer 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. Amen.

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

*Doxology #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Littletown

Scripture Sermon *"It's Touching Time"* Luke 24: 36-48 Rev. Terry Hanna

Responding to the Word

*A Prayer of Blessing (unison)

On this day may the blessings of heaven be yours.

On this day may the blessings of earth be yours.

Open us to life, ground us in life, fill us with life and with wonder.

And may we share your blessings with those we love

and on every human family, may peace be with us. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

*Benediction

May the love of God go with you from this place.

May your hours and days show forth His praise.

*Postlude *Gothic Fanfare* Groom

*Please stand, if able.

The flowers today are to the glory of God
In honor of
Mark & Beth Brannon's Anniversary

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 18th
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper



Thursday, April 19th
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 22nd

EARTH DAY

**11:00 a.m. Worship led by
Cherokee Storyteller, Freeman Owle**

Monday, April 23rd
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
(The Hut)

Thursday, April 26th
Sweet Thoughts
Open House
(4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

BCPC Elders

Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Bob Jordan, Terry Palmatier

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