

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**August 19, 2018**

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**Gathering of God's People**

*I ask myself in each situation, "How can I bring beauty to the world?  
How can I stand for life in a death-filled universe?"* Etty Hillesun, Auschwitz, Nov. 1943

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Martin

**Preparation for Worship**

Call to Worship (please read bold) Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in company with the congregation.

**Your work is full of honor and majesty, O God, and your righteousness endures forever.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn of Praise 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Awareness (unison)

**Beautiful God, open our senses to the wonders of life. Slow us down so that we may see beauty everywhere and discover the power of beauty to transform fear and hate and bring peace to our world. Inspire us to live thankfully and gratefully, alive to your companionship and creativity in every situation.**

**HEAR OUR PRAYERS.** (silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

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 468 *In My Life* LORD, BE GLORIFIED

Prayer of Transformation (unison)

**Breathe deeply within us, O Breath of God. Give us life with every breath and let every breath connect us with all creation. Help us experience the wonders of your world and the wonders of our inner lives. Show us how to live with gratitude and love in all things.**

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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* arr. Wells

\*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 *Psalm 148* Patterson

Scripture Ephesians 5: 15-20

Sermon "Making the Most of Our Time" Rev. Terry Hanna

**Responding to the Word**

Prayer of Sending (unison)

**Holy God, whose artistry gives life to all creation, inspire us to be your companion in healing the world. Remind us that worship involves acts of kindness and hospitality as well as praise. Help us lift up your work in the world and bring beauty to this good earth. In Christ's name. Amen**

\*Hymn of Commitment 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

\*Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.  
May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

\*Postlude *Gothic Fanfare* Grooms

\*Please stand, if able.

## Mission Statement of The Bryson City Presbyterian Church

*We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we...*

***Engage** and encourage one another in worship and fellowship*

***Learn** together as we grow in discipleship and*

***Reach** out in love*

### **Next Sunday**

Rev. Jim Strickland & Rev. Rachel Lackey will be leading us in worship here at home, while Pastor Terry leads the Church Family Retreat in Montreat.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

**Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 a.m. – Noon BCPC's turn in the Food Pantry

### **Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Rally Day!

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**Noon – 1:30 p.m. UGF Kickoff Luncheon** ←

BCPC Elders

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

BCPC Staff

Pastor – Rev. Terry Hanna; Minister of Music – Rev. Rachel Lackey;

Administrative Assistant – Lori Anderson; Nursery – Josie Parker; Custodian – Renee Mercer

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Be careful how  
you act; these are  
difficult days.  
Don't be fools; be  
wise: make the  
most of every  
opportunity you  
have for  
doing good.

Ephesians 5:15-16

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