

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Johnson

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 130/126

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

**Hope in the LORD! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.**

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

*Hymn of Praise 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love,
for we know our sins, and we cannot overlook them.**

We have failed to put our complete confidence in you;

we rely on prestige and past success for reputation;

we look to the wealth and power of nations for support;

we cling to things, and yet knowing you surpasses all else.

Wash us; heal us; teach us to honor you with truth.

Let us know the joy and gladness of your saving grace

That we may have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Sanborn

*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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Hopson

Scripture Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Sermon *"What's New?"* Rev. Terry Hanna

Responding to the Word

*Closing Prayer

**Mighty God, you make a way for us in the chaos of the sea
and give us water in desert places:**

Help us to live by the covenant you write on our hearts;

open us to receive the new thing you are doing.

Give us grace to know Christ, the sharing of his sufferings,

and the power of his resurrection,

that we may gain the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 629 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

*Benediction

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

*Postlude *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Page

*Please stand, if able.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 21st

Confirmation – 5:00 p.m.

Session meets with confirmands – 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

HOLY WEEK

Palm / Passion Sunday (March 25th)

Cantata: *“The Road to Holy Week”* - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 26th - Good Friday, March 30th

Lunch and Devotion with our Community - 12:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Thursday, March 29th

Tenebrae - Service of Darkness and Communion - 6:30 p.m.

The Celtic Trio and Libba Brockman, flute

EASTER SUNDAY

(April 1st)

Worship in the Courtyard - 9:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt - 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of Griffin Ryan Donaldson

and

Confirmation of

Sami Birchfield

Mya Burrows Kurr

Karena Cline

Julie Donaldson

Will McCall

Andrew Monnat

Madeleine Monnat



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