

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
September 30, 2018 - Mountain Sunday

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Let All Things Now Living* Krapf

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship (please read bold)

We invite the mountains to worship with us:

mighty boulders and deep forests, sliding glaciers and swirling snow.

We invite the wildlife to join us in wonder:

gliding eagles and graceful cougars, mysterious moths and beautiful butterflies.

We join with the mountain creatures in praising God:

leaping trout and crawling creatures, exotic orchids and honey bees.

We call the depths of the mountains to celebrate:

precious gems and sparkling stones, volcanic lava and rich red ore.

We enter the mountain of God today:

and we worship in God's presence, a sacred place on our planet.

We celebrate the song of the mountain!

Sing! Mountain! Sing! LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Reading 1 *Isiah 55: 12-13*

Prayer for the Day (unison)

God, our Creator, as we descend from the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the wild that surround us. Help us to see in the surrounding landscape the places where the planet has been polluted and empathize with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to recognize that the hills are alive with your Spirit and to rejoice with all our kin, especially the creatures of the wild. In the name of Christ who reconciles and renews all things in creation, 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 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Reading 2 *Romans 8: 18-25*

Prayers of the People & 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 *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Martin

*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 *The Wonder of Creation* Patterson

Scripture Story *"Once Upon a Baby"* Matthew 17: 14-20
Donna Marie Todd

Responding to the Word

Sending (please read bold)

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to come down the mountain and serve him by caring for creation, especially the mountains, where we celebrate God's presence.

We will care for creation! We will rejoice in the mountains! We will celebrate God's presence!

*Hymn of Commitment 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Benediction

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

*Postlude *The Heavens Are Telling* arr. Wells

*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

Our thanks go out to Libba Brockman for making our worship special last Sunday with her flute playing.

(Just a reminder...October is Pastor Appreciation Month)

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 1st

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 3rd

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, October 4th

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 7th

9:00 a.m. Hand Chime Choir Practice

Sunday, October 7th

BCPC Fall Picnic

It will be at the Deep Creek Picnic Shelter this year, after worship.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and "pot luck" sides, salads and desserts.

Sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Thursday, October 11th

1:00 p.m. Lois Circle

YTD Income	98,398
YTD Expenses	<u>100,578</u>
Net	(2,180)

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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