

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
September 9, 2018
Earth Sunday

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* arr. Sanborn

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship (please read bold) Psalm 96: 11-13

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Let the sea roar and all that fills it;

Let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord;

For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of EARTH as our home. Help us to discern how we have polluted our planet. Teach us to sense the presence of God through the EARTH as a living green-blue sanctuary. Teach us to love EARTH as our home. In the name of Jesus, 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 & 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Barr

*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 *Promised Land* arr. Buda
Cathy Arps – violin, George Evans - drums

Scripture James 1: 5-8
Sermon "Wisdom – The Waiting Game" Rev. Terry Hanna

Responding to the Word

Prayer of Commitment – Creation Prayer (unison)

Creator God, give us your wisdom. Teach us to care for the EARTH.

Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation- cries for justice from the land, the seas, and the skies.

Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of longing for a new creation.

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the songs of our kin, songs of celebration from the sea, the forest and the air. Teach us to care. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 757 *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

*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.

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 Cathy Arps for making our worship special with her gift of the violin, and to George Evans for his gift on the drums.

Today



Noon – 1:30 p.m. UGF Kickoff Luncheon

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 12th
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, September 13th
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Thursday, September 13th
1:00 p.m. Lois Circle

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday, September 16th – Humanity Sunday

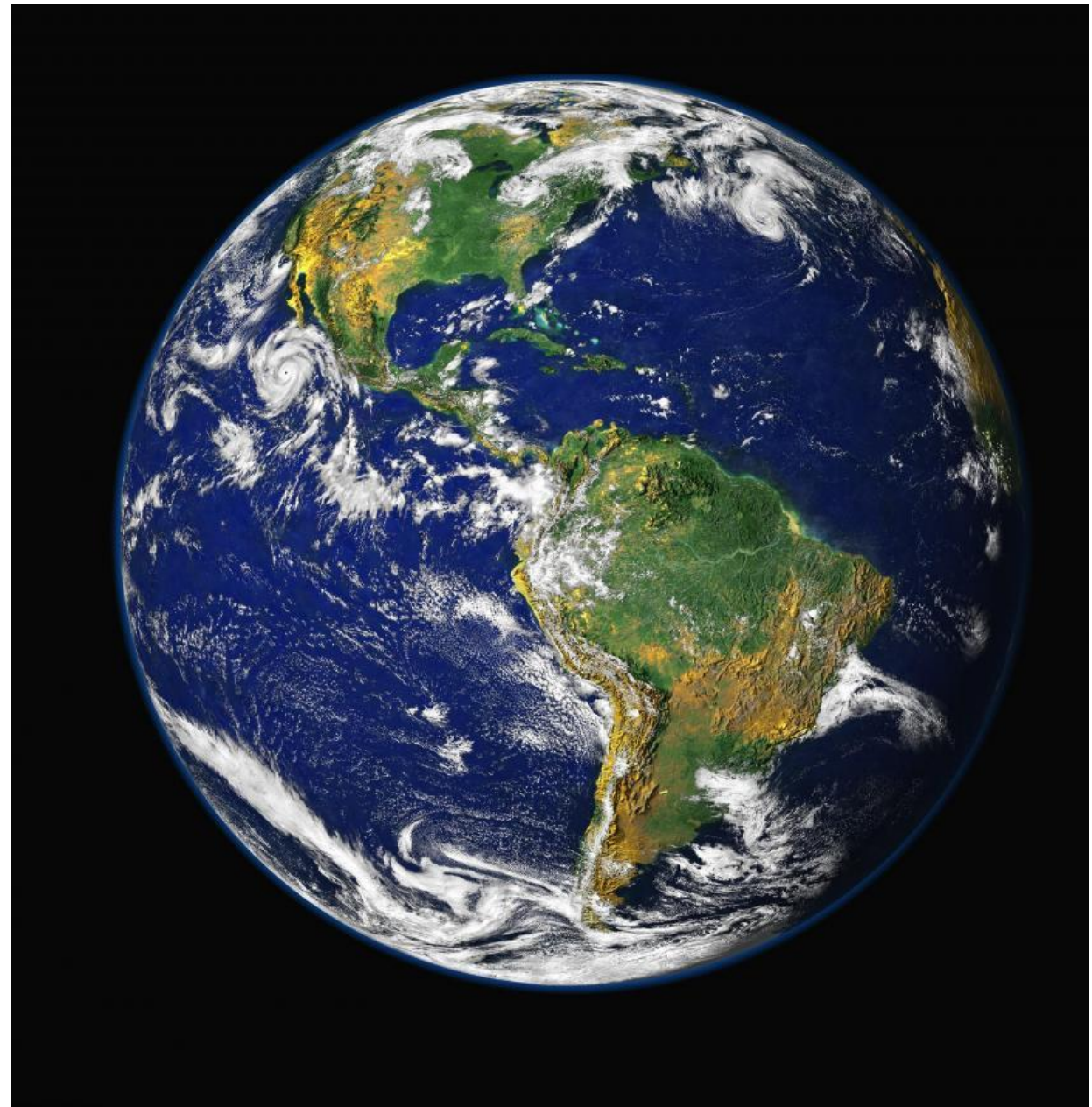
Monday, September 17th – Friday, September 21st
Pastor Terry @ Continuing Education in Black Mountain

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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