

# Bryson City Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

**Prelude**                      *Kum Ba Yah*                      arr. Sanborn

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Musical Call to Worship**                      arr. Helvey  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### Opening Prayer

We come before you today as ones who have known joy and sorrow, hope and fear, anger and forgiveness. We come as ones longing to be known fully by you in all the ways that make us human. Challenge us to be open to your work within us, among us, and in your beloved creation. Grant us eyes to see your goodness and voices to proclaim your good news. Forgive us when we keep our eyes shut and our voices silent when justice demands that we see and speak. Enliven our hearts with your spirit and make your home among us. Amen.

**Scripture**    Matthew 15: 21-28

**Musical Meditation**    arr. Martin  
*Improvisation on Balm in Gilead*

**Sermon**                      *Persistent Faith*                      Rev. Beth Newman

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral 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.**

### Sending

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

**Postlude**                      *Praise Him! Praise Him!*                      arr. Hayes

**Leading worship today:**  
**Pastor-Beth Newman; Minister of Music-Rachel Lackey;**  
**Elder of the Month-Dawn Letterman**

## The Mission 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.

Please remember our church during this difficult time.

Donations can be made online at

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There are also links on our Facebook page and website.

If you're more comfortable mailing a check, please mail it to BCPC, PO Box 549, Bryson City, NC 28713

Thank you for helping to keep our church running so vital programs (Giving Spoon, Manna Pop Up Market, the Food Pantry & AA) can continue helping others.

### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$89,631
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### BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Becky Claxton, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Carol Sussman

### BCPC Staff

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Beth Newman;  
Minister of Music & Adm. Assistant – Rev. Rachel Lackey;  
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