

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *An Irish Blessing* Mansfield

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God. I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.
People: **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**
Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
People: **So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LAASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PROCLAIMING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 63: 1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55: 1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Little Alleluia* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Hope of the World* arr. Larson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Wilson

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

March

Blake

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Drew Campbell, Elder of the Month

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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.

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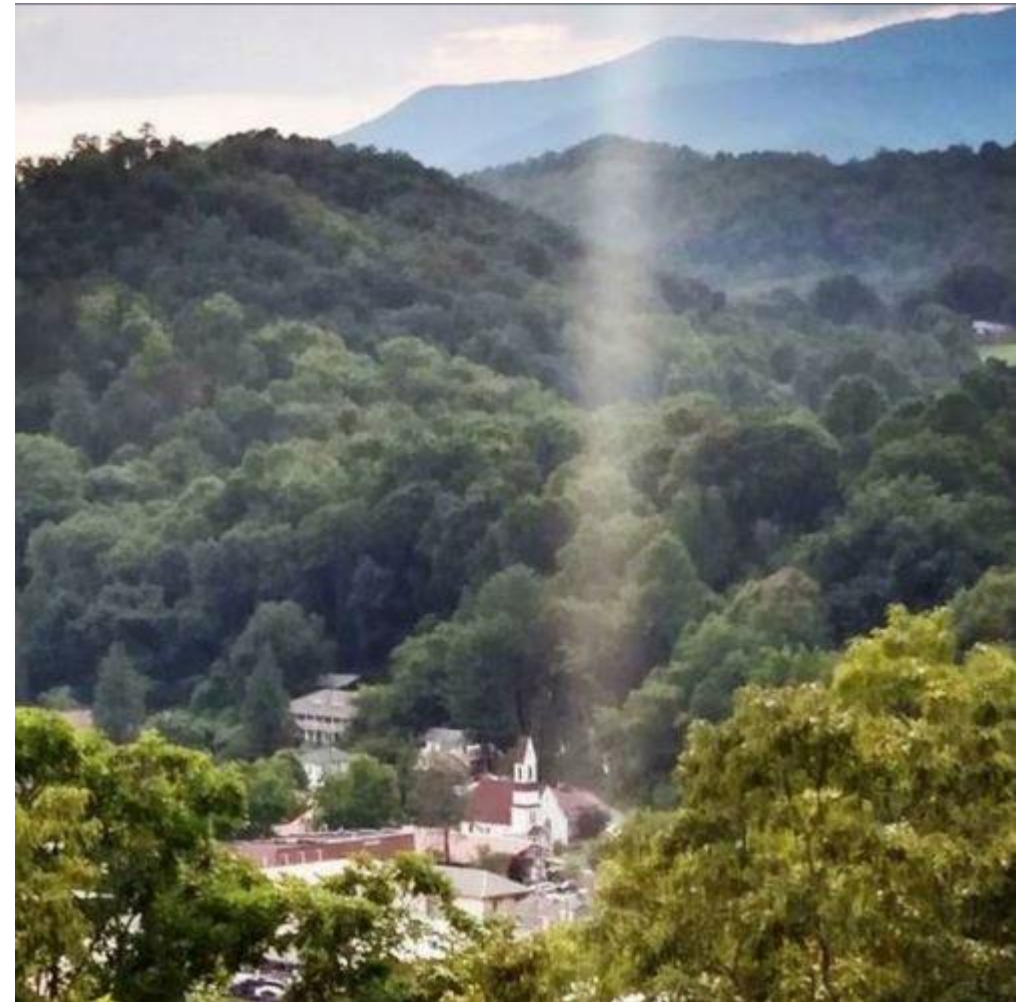
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Operating Expenses	\$23,325
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 4,418
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Excess/Deficit	\$ (1,612)

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