

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to the God of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in the Lord.

People: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you with upright heart.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life, the glory of your holy name.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

## PROCLAIMING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Prodigal Son, The Waiting Father, The Elder Brother* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Pethel

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who is like a good mother or father, near to us, and strong to help us. We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God: He is for us the way of truth and life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us, giving us new life and healing and strength for our spirits. We believe our faith is a confident trust in the truth and goodness of God. We believe our hope is a power, to fill the present and the future with deepest meaning. We believe our love is the means by which this faith will be made real in our lives. Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. 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 *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Koerts

### \*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 649 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

\*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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Lowe

*\*Rise in body or spirit.*

The Prayer of Confession is from the *Book of Common Worship*. The Affirmation of Faith is from  
Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of  
Music; Drew Campbell, Elder of the Month

### **Mission Statement of 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.

#### YTD Financials

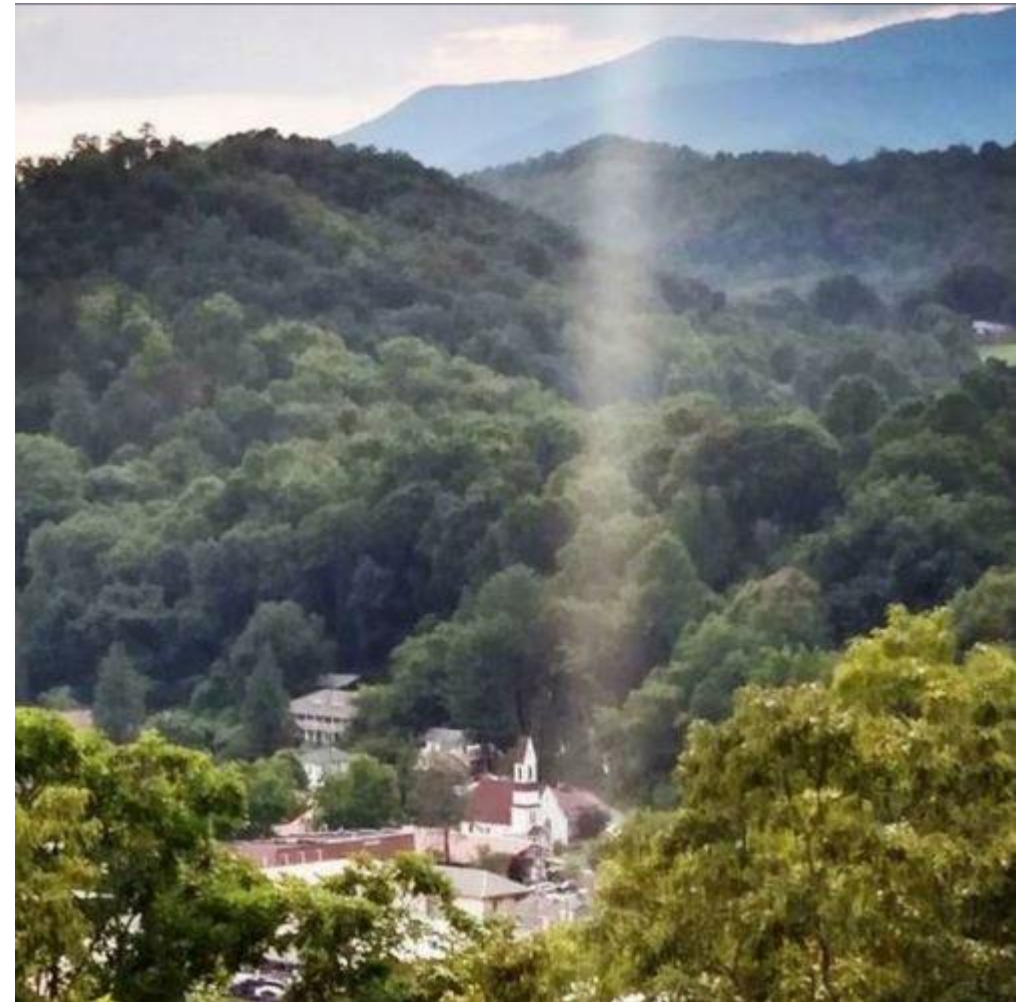
Unrestricted Giving	\$29,052
Operating Expenses	\$27,570
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 1,482
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 6,030
Excess/Deficit	\$ (4,548)

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