

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 4, 2022

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy Manna* arr. Ware

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

**People: gather us, O God.**

Leader: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

**People: gather us, O God.**

Leader: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

**People: gather us, O God.**

Leader: We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to your presence with us in worship.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating life Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRIA 582

## THE WORD

### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139: 1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Inescapable God* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus* arr. Wagner

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us--even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community, mysterious, yet very real. God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* 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 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

\*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 *O Zion, Haste* arr. Berry

*Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day are by Teri McDowell Ott.*

*Affirmation of Faith is from "Banquet of Praise" by Church World Service.*

*\*Rise in body or spirit.*

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Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Cathy Evans, 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.*

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#### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$ 92,373
Operating Expenses	\$81,223
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$11,150
Manse Donations	\$15,500
Manse Renovation Expense	\$20,218
Excess/Deficit	\$ 6,432

**BCPC Elders:** Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan

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