

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Easter Victory* Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for humankind. The night is passed and with the dawn comes new creation. Christ is risen to bring us back to life. We heard with gladness your anointing of Jesus and rejoice in your promised redemption of sin. Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we enter the courtyard of your redeeming grace. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 15: 19-26

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 1-12

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

SERMON *Remember* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen* arr. Pethel

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Corinthians 15
Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers and to all the apostles; this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* Handel

*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

*HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

*SENDING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE *Thine Is the Glory* arr. Page

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Dan Manley, Elder of the Month; Brandi Alzate, soloist; Tanner Clayton, trumpet

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.*

Announcements

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 18.

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume this week at 11:00 in the Hut. The scripture passage is John 20: 19-31.

YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$41,799
Operating Expenses	\$32,704
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 9,095
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Excess/Deficit	\$ 2,459

BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans,
Dawn Letterman, Joan Parks, Carol Sussman,
Dan Manley, Bob Jordan

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