

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Kinyon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 67

Leader: God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.

People: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; may God continue to bless us.

People: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

All nations on the earth shall bless you, O God, for you have redeemed your people and brought them new life. Through Christ you have caused your Word to shine on the just and the unjust. By your Spirit all may know of your saving power. We come confessing that Christ is our Savior; we give you all glory for your gift of redeeming grace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22: 10, 22-22:5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16: 9-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God's Strategic Plan

Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Surrender All to You

McDonald

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

Simple Gifts

arr. Martin

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

SENDING

*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

We Are Called

arr. Shackley

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Praise and Adoration from “When We Gather” by James G. Kirk

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Handchime Choir; Collin Caldwell, 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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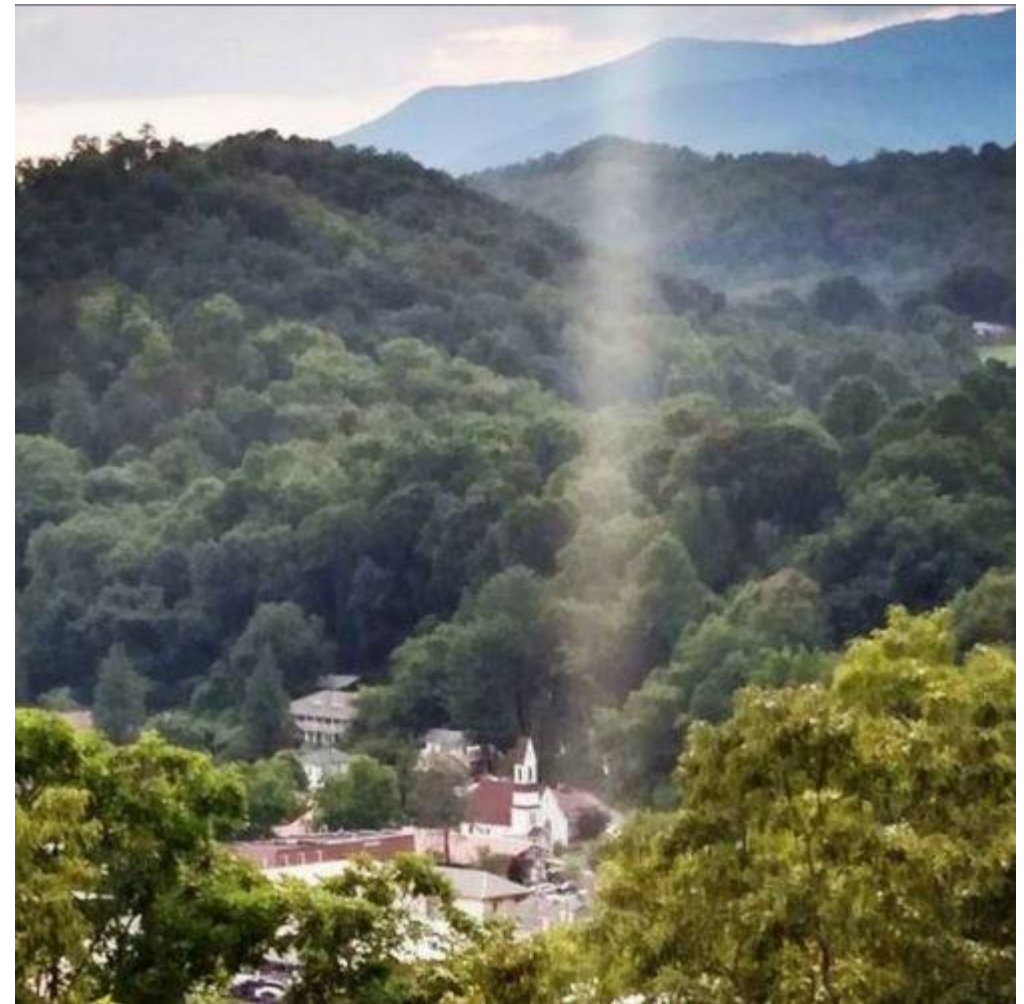
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Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 6,973
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