

There will be a congregational meeting on August 2nd at 10:45 for two actions: 1) To fill the unexpired term of Jan Miller for the class of 2022. Don Hilsmier will be nominated by the Nominating Committee. 2) To elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee to search for a new installed pastor. The Nominating Committee will nominate Susan Carter, Lyndsay Ennis, Emily Garret, Don Hilsmier, Nancy Owen, Michelle Pope, and McNair Tornow. Per the *Book of Order*, the floor will be open for additional nominations by active members, provided that the additional nominees have been contacted and are willing to serve, if elected. (This corrects the time from the oral announcement.)

We will resume monthly communion next week using pre-packaged, self-contained elements. It is not ideal, but it allows us to participate in this meaningful sacrament safely in the current environment. More guidance about communion at home will be in this month's newsletter.

Set-up for the drive-in service requires many hands. If you would like to be on a rotating team, please contact the office.

This is Nickel-A-Meal Sunday! Due to the COVID-19 we would ask that if you would like to make a donation please use a check rather than cash. Just mark on the check that it is for the "Nickel-A-Meal Offering". Please leave it with your regular contribution in the box as you leave the service today.

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WELCOME

Welcome, Visitors! We are pleased you have chosen to be with us today and pray this time of worship will be a blessing to you. BEPC is a PCUSA congregation filled with people of many different backgrounds. Whatever your tradition, we invite you to participate in the activities of the congregation while you are here.

If you want to know more about Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian denomination or membership, see an Elder or the Pastor. We would welcome you as a member by Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer from another church. If you are in town for only part of the year, you might consider Affiliate Membership. We would love to have you as a part of our loving church family!

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 158
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Service for the Lord's Day

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

We Gather Before the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Diane Rydell, Bowed Psaltry

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 85: 8–13

Leader: God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness springs up from the ground

People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Leader: God gives what is good

People: and we respond with abundant praise!

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
 Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
 his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN (PRAYING IN UNISON)

Gracious God,
 you call us to step out in faith,
 trusting in you for all things.
We respond to your command
 but then sink in doubt and fear.
We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.
We are not able to fulfill your commandments,
 for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.
Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips
 but do not believe in our hearts.
Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.
Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.
We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
 (A moment of silent, personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM 145:8

Leader: Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.
 This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and made whole
to live a new life in him. Thanks be to God!

We Engage the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 26, SELECTED VERSES

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

SERIES

Who Are Your People?

SERMON

Isaac, the Ordinary

REV GUESS

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
 he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE