

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

August 2, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

We Gather Before the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 17 ADAPTED

Leader: We call upon you, O Lord, for You will answer us.

**People: With brightness show Your steadfast love to us, Holy One,
for we seek refuge from the slings and arrows of our days.**

Leader: Keep us as the apple of Your eye....
hold us in the safe shadow of Your wings.

**People: Keep us from those who would hurt and harm us.....
those whose ends are not our gain.**

Leader: We would behold Your face all our days

People: **whether awake or asleep, nestled in the hollow of your hand.**

All: Let us worship God.

The congregational meeting is today following our 10am worship 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.)

Set-up for the drive-in service requires many hands. If you would like to be on a rotating team, please call the office at 828-898-5406. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

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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!

Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

VV. 1-2

**1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**2 All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (PRAYING IN UNISON)

**Welcoming God, who knows us each by name:
We like to think of ourselves as righteous. We name ourselves as your disciples.
We believe that we've been sent to offer your welcome;
but we rarely ask the names of those with pains and sorrows,
not to mention what those pains and sorrows actually are.
Often, we haven't considered their pleas and protests.
We prefer our own version of reality.
O Lord, forgive us.
Forgive us for the cup of water we didn't offer.
Forgive us for the name we didn't ask.
Forgive us for the blessing we didn't share.
Remind us that we are prophets of your welcome.
Help us to offer to others the hope we have found in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(A moment of silent, personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 6:23, *The Message*

L: The apostle Paul said, "Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death.
But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master."
Hear and believe this good news!
P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and set free to live a new life in him.
Thanks be to God!**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Engage the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

First, You Start with Nothing

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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer

HYMN 509

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HOLY MANNA

V. 3

**3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

BENEDICTION

Congregational Meeting (Please remain in your car. We will be voting by horn 📡)