

**1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

THE BLESSING OF THE BOOK BAGS (AND OTHER SCHOOL STUFF)

Loving God, we hold before you these tools of learning - backpacks, notebooks, laptops. Help those who study and those who teach use them to expand the knowledge of young minds. May this learning consist of more than facts. Use it as a basis for maturity to discern your purpose for young lives and preparation for adult lives of faith and faithful service. May your children, young and old, like Jesus, continue to grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and other people. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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!

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

We Gather Before the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God!

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

CONFESSION OF SIN (PRAYING IN UNISON)

ROMANS 12: 2

Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A moment of silent, personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and set free to live a new life in him. Thanks be to God!

We Engage the Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Giveth More Grace
Suzie Fisk, flute

Mitchell/Linn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 28: 10-20; 35: 1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERIES

Who Are Your People?

SERMON

Jacob: This Is the House of God

REV GUESS

We Respond to the Word

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

THE VOWS OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 OF WELCOME

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

VERSE 1

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

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.