

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Robert Leslie Holmes has served Christ's church on all levels from pastor of churches small and large, to seminary professor and provost, to Moderator of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. A native of Belfast, he was invited to participate as a negotiator of the talks that lead to Northern Ireland's Good Friday Peace Accord. We welcome Leslie and his wife Barbara to Banner Elk Presbyterian Church!

Prayer for the Pastor Nomination Committee

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask you to open the hearts and minds of the Pastor Nominating Committee members, preparing them to listen and discern your holy will for a new pastor for Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. Give them energy and inspiration as you lead them to the pastor you have already chosen. Be with each church member as they pray for the work of the PNC. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

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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 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

We Gather Before the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON PSALM 90 & 1 THESSALONIANS: 5

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: you have been our home throughout all the ages.

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: Let us clothe ourselves with faith and love and be confident in our salvation in Christ Jesus.

People: The Lord is with us!

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

CONFESSION OF SIN (PRAYING IN UNISON)

**Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our transgressions before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(A moment of silent, personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: However long we wander,
however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever.
Family of God, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Believe the gospel! Encourage one another!

**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

David Soyars

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 2:11-13

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Banner Elk Salt and Light Company!

REV. DR. LESLIE HOLMES

We Respond to the Word

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

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