

*We Follow the Word into the World*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*JOYFUL, JOYFUL*

BEETHOVEN

**Stewardship 2021** Many thanks to those who have turned in pledge cards. To date we have received 57 pledges for a total of \$170,170.00. If you have not received a pledge card, please ask the ushers for one.

***Prayer for the Pastor Nomination Committee***



Dear Heavenly Father,  
We pray for the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee: McNair, Nancy, Susan, Don, Emily, Lyndsay & Michelle so that they may have God's clear direction in bringing the right person to Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. We pray they will feel your presence in every decision. 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*

**September 13, 2020**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ten O'clock**

### *We Gather Before the Word*

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*As the Deer*

NYSTROM

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 145:8

- L: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,
- P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- L: Whether we are long timers or latecomers in the life of faith,
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- L: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
- P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- All: We praise God's name forever and ever! Let us worship God!**

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Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (PRAYING IN UNISON)

**God of abundant goodness,  
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves  
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.  
We judge the efforts and motives of other people  
while ignoring our own faults.  
Forgive us when we let jealousy overtake us.  
Forgive us when we are petty  
even in the presence of your generosity.  
Forgive us when we feel slighted by you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
by whose grace we are saved. Amen.**

*(A moment of silent, personal confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**L: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.  
God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore, we will live as  
grateful and forgiven people!  
P: 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 *Be Ye Glad* Blanchard  
Jarrett Koski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION SELECTED VERSES FROM GENESIS 37 AND 44

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Series: *Who Are Your People?*

SERMON *Joseph's Brothers*

REV. GUESS

*We Respond to the Word*

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.**

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 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

**1 Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

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