

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 13, 2012**

**THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION**

So we're different colors  
And we're different creeds  
And different people have different needs  
It's obvious you hate me  
Though I've done nothing wrong  
I've never ever met you so what could I have done

People are people  
So why should it be  
You and I should get  
Along so awfully

--Depeche Mode, *People Are People*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Susan Verbrugge

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you...** *(All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews. If you are new and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)*

**PRELUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*      arr. ANTHONY/MCCORD  
Judy McCord, *handbells*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
Declare her glory among the nations, her marvelous works among all the peoples.  
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**  
Come sing to the Lord, those who are tone-deaf and those who have voices like angels.  
**Let us lift our songs with the anthems of the universe to worship our God.**

† **HYMN No. 464**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      HYMN TO JOY

† **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**You raise your hand, Creator God, and gently begin the concerto of creation: birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat; mountains dance in merriment and little children clap their hands with joy. The old, old song is made new in our hearts: Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia! Believing we cannot carry a tune, we hesitate to join in the chorus of praise sung by all creation. So, you softly and gently hum the melody in our hearts until they burst with you, raising a rousing chorus of praise. Creator God, Lord of the Dance, Music-making Spirit, our new songs are lifted in praise to you. Amen.**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Joy-giving God, we hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but we sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices. Sing to us of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes can see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior... *(a time of silent confession follows)***

**PRAYERFUL RESPONSE**

ELLACOMBE

**What good is gained by my disgrace, What profit in defeat?  
My grave cannot confess Your name, Nor praise for You repeat.  
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; Be merciful to me.  
Accept my longing heart's request And from death set me free.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Listen to the melody of the good news: Christ is risen, bringing joy into the world. The One who was dead now lives, and wraps us in the delight of life forever with our God.  
**Alleluia! We live as forgiven people, free to love and serve God.**

† **GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

ELLACOMBE

**You change my grief to joy-filled dance, My sorrows You destroy.  
In faithfulness You hear my cry And fill my life with joy.  
And so to You my heart shall sing, My voice Your goodness raise.  
You are my God, forevermore, My life shall sing Your praise.**

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.** *(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)*

**HEARING THE WORD**

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

*(Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs for nurture and care.)*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**      1 John 5:1-6

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**      John 15:9-17

**ANTHEM**

*If Ye Love Me*

T. TALLIS

Adult Choir;

Peggy Evans, Suzanne Sanford, Steve Drumheller, Bob Evans, *quartet*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,  
that He may [a]bide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.

**THIRD SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 10:44-48

**SERMON**

Susan Verbrugge

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 358** *Help Us to Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Landscaping Task Force

Sarah Windes

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OF OUR LIVES**

**OFFERTORY**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Adult Choir

W. A. MOZART

Text may be found at Hymn #376

† **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN No. 436**

*We Are Your People*

WHITFIELD

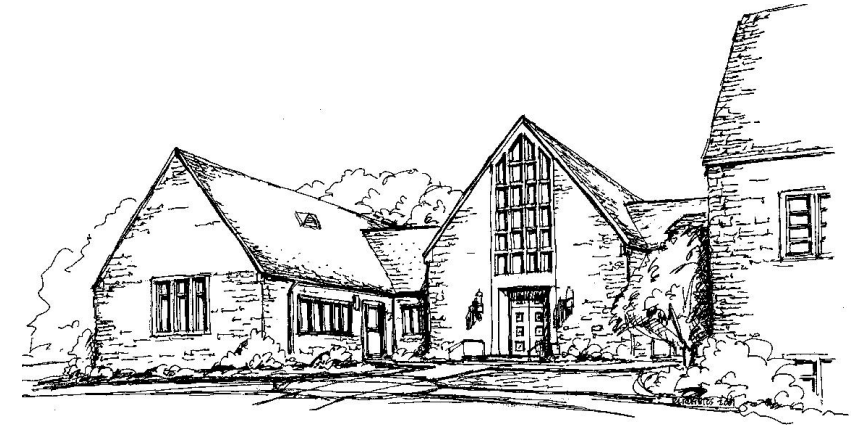
**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

*The Strife Is O'er*

arr. [I HAVE TO CHECK]



**Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**

**Our Mission**

**To proclaim God's Word in our contemporary world  
To grow with commitment, faith, and understanding  
To welcome all to our community and fellowship  
To extend comfort and grace to those in need  
To work actively for justice and peace in the world  
To be generous, responsible stewards of God's gifts.**

Ministers - All Members

Pastor - Catherine Taylor

Associate Pastor - Susan Verbrugge

Parish Associate - Charles Taylor

Mission Co-worker in Guatemala - Marcia Towers

Mission Co-workers in Bangladesh - Les and Cindy Morgan

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Children's Choir Director - Samantha Quesenberry

Director of Children and Youth Ministries - Susan Hunter

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

May 13, 2012

**Welcome to all who gather for worship today.** May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.** Speak to the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email that we might contact you.

**HEADSETS for the HEARING IMPAIRED are available.** Speak to the Head Usher or Gavin Faulkner to use one for the worship service.

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS** today are the peace lilies which are placed by Dick and Joyce Frahm in loving memory of their daughter, Kathy R. Frahm.

**Catherine Taylor** is away today celebrating her daughter Rorie's graduation from Denison University.

A good deal of the liturgy today was written by Thom Shuman, an interim minister in the Cincinnati area. His blog can be found at [www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com).

**You can change history for hungry people!** Plan to participate in the **Bread for the World Offering of Letters** in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall after worship on May 20.

*What is Bread for the World?* It is a Christian voice for ending hunger. A single decision by Congress can outweigh or multiply our church's hunger ministries. Only the government has the ability to make the economic, social, and political decisions that can attack the deep structural causes of poverty and hunger. Therefore, as Christians we support *bipartisan* legislation that addresses hunger in our communities and around the world. The PC(USA) and BPC have been associated with Bread for the World for many years.

*What is an offering of letters?* It is stewardship, our offering to God of letters that we write to our members of Congress on behalf of hungry people. This year we ask the U.S. to provide a circle of protection around poor and hungry people by continuing proven programs: domestic nutrition assistance, poverty-focused foreign assistance, tax credits for low-income families, and international food aid.

**If you need a ride to worship services on Sundays,** let the church office know by Friday mornings before noon (552-2504).

## 2012 Celebration Flower Reservation

There are upcoming dates still available to sponsor the Celebration flowers in our worship service: June 24, July 8, August 5 and 26. Please contact the church office, 552-2504 or [bpc@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:bpc@blacksburgpres.org) if you are interested in one of these dates. Other dates are also still available later in the year.

## SERVING TODAY

**Church Opener-May:**

Howard Long

**Elder of the Week:**

Joyce Frahm **Next Week:** Arlice Banks

**Head Usher for today:**

Jack Call

**Ushers:**

Bob and Joni Pienkowski, Barbara Michelsen, Dave Hayes

**Greeters:**

Sue and Mike Drzal

**Elder Offering Counter:**

Marti Snyder

**Counting Assignment:**

Dorothy Domermuth, Shalini Perumpral

**Next Week:**

Bill Neely, Bob Hendricks

**THIS WEEK AT BPC-** \*HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, \*WM-Westminster, \*FH-Fellowship Hall

May 13      Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Class, 5:00-7:30 p.m.-\*WM  
Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dinner and program at BPC

May 14      Knitwits, 2:00-4:00 p.m.-\*WM  
Hildegard, 6:00 p.m., at home of Marti Snyder  
Faith Circle, 7:30 p.m.-\*"The Cellar", downtown Blacksburg

May 15      Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.-\*HCR  
Quilters meet, 9:30 a.m.-\*FH  
Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Committee, 12:15 p.m.-\*HCR

May 16      Peace, Justice, & Global Mission, 12:15 p.m.-\*WM  
Adult Ed, 1:00-2:00 p.m.-\*HCR  
Adult choir practice, 7:00 p.m.

May 20      Spring Sunday School Classes for all, 9:30 a.m. (last for children/youth)  
Two cents-a-meal collection  
Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Elder Training, 12:15 p.m.-\*HCR  
Bread for the World Offering of Letters, following worship -\*Gathering Space  
Disciple Class, 5:00-7:30 p.m.-\*WM  
Youth Group, end of the year party, information to follow  
Session meets, 7:00 p.m.-\*HCR

**UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AT BPC-** \*HCR-Hatcher Conference Rm, \*WM-Westminster, \*FH-Fellowship Hall

May 21      Elder training, 5:00-7:00 p.m.-\*HCR

May 27      Last day of Sunday School for Adults  
Elder training, 12:15 p.m.-\*HCR

May 30      Church office closed for Memorial Day

June 3      **Summer worship time to change**, to be determined; information to follow  
Elder Training, following worship, time to be determined-\*HCR

**Possible women's retreat:** To all of the women: If you are interested in a retreat, please fill out the brief survey at this site, or call Sue Drzal (953-2184) to give your preferences for location, timing, and programming.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGF3bEVfxzZEMS1XQ31BQTBiV1ZxdWc6MA>

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Vacation Bible School Sun.-Wed., June 10-13,  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Name(s) :

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to Teach or Attend the following:

Adult Class \_\_\_\_\_ Grades 4 -6 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 2 -3 \_\_\_\_\_ Grades K - 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery (0-3 yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

Teach \_\_\_\_\_ Assist Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Mission \_\_\_\_\_

Worship (Music & Skits) \_\_\_\_\_ Decorating \_\_\_\_\_

Craft \_\_\_\_\_ Games \_\_\_\_\_

Science \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare a Meal \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Clean -Up \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_



*This  
is  
my  
commandment:  
love  
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I  
have  
loved you.*

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John 15:9