

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Smith

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

**This is not our own doing;**

It is the gift of God—

**not the result of works.**

For we are what God has made us;

created in Christ Jesus for good works.

**Yes, it is our way of life.**

**It's not what we do – it's who we are.**

†HYMN No. 14 vv. 1-4

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

†PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Gracious God, no fault of ours is a barrier to you. You are no stranger to our suffering. Your compassion reaches to the ends of the earth and into the deepest darkness. You are the steady source of healing grace. Lead us once more into a fuller awareness of your light and love. Stir within us a Spirit born hope, that we may look to you, and finding you in Jesus Christ we may in turn share his grace with the world; it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you have called us to gracious living, to love where it is undeserved and unexpected. We confess how quickly we are seduced by the calculating life. We habitually judge who is worthy or unworthy, and measure our deeds accordingly. We may be surprised by grace, but we aim to please and enjoy reward's pleasure. We like to think we are in control, that we determine the outcomes of our lives. Forgive our pride, Lord. Forgive our self-deception. Forgive our resistance to unmerited grace; ... (A time of silent confession follows.) Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Are there any in a position to condemn?

**No, not one.**

Who is our judge?

**Jesus Christ is our only judge.**

Jesus Christ? The one who died for us, who was raised for us, who reigns with God above us?

**Yes, Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners and the one who prays for us.**

I believe the gospel.

**Yes, we are forgiven and free.**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 14 v. 5 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;**

**For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful 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 to God's Garden or the nursery for nurture and care.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

ANTHEM

*Your Harps, Ye Trembling Saints* *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Grace Notes

arr. Alice Parker

Your harps, ye trembling saints, down from the willows take;  
loud to the praise of Christ our Lord bid ev'ry string awake.

Though in a foreign land, we are not far from home;  
and nearer to our house above we ev'ry moment come.

His grace shall to the end stronger and brighter shine;  
nor present things, nor things to come shall quench the spark divine.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-37

ANTHEM

*Together We Serve*

Daniel Charles Damon

Summer Choir

Text may be found at Hymn No. 767.

SERMON

“Extending Grace, Cultivating Hope, Imitating Jesus”

Reverend Carl Utley

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

†HYMN No. 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

*Invitation*  
Grace Notes

*The Olive Leaf*, 1878  
William Hauser

Hark! I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters,  
with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the GREAT I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow,  
Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,  
To the city far away.  
Hallelujah...

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly,  
To that land of perfect rest,  
And I hear them singing faintly,  
In the mansions of the blest.  
Hallelujah...



## BLACKBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 2017

† DOXOLOGY No. 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*

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

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

arr. JAN BENDER

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THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."*

Anne Lamott

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*The Prayers of the People are written by the congregation and read aloud as our corporate prayer.*

*If you want to take part, write a one sentence prayer on the cards provided.*

*No signatures, please. The cards will be collected during the second hymn.*

*Together we pray whatever is on our hearts.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carl Utley

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 a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)

INTROIT

*Through All the World Below*

Grace Notes

*Southern Harmony*, 1854

arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below  
God is seen all around;  
search hills and valleys through,  
there he's found.

The growing of the corn,  
the lily and the thorn,  
the pleasant and forlorn  
all declare, God is there;  
in meadows drest in green,  
God is seen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 25, 2017

**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.**

**We are grateful for our guest preacher, Carl Utley, who is the Interim Executive, Presbytery of the Peaks. Also welcome Scott Smith who is our liturgist today. We continue to be grateful for Kendra Crabtree and all her gifts she shares with our congregation!**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship today are given by Winnie and Les Myers in honor of their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**Scripture for Next Sunday, July 2: Matthew 10:40-42 and Jeremiah 28:5-9.**

**Summer Art Exhibit in Westminster Hall: "Photographic Views: Light and Gold- Hans Stahl, and Humanity of the Moment- Davis Mesmer".**

### **The B & B group (Bible and Breakfast)**

 The Summer Tuesday morning Bible Study Group will have summer school / breakfast meetings at **Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** We will be drinking coffee, eating breakfast, sharing life stories, and discussing our thoughts on the Bible texts as listed in the lectionary. We are quite informal and would love you to join us. For more information contact: Scott or Melanie Smith at Scott- 808-3779/ [scottsmith4u@gmail.com](mailto:scottsmith4u@gmail.com); Melanie- 808-8337/ [melscofam@gmail.com](mailto:melscofam@gmail.com).

### **Volunteers Needed!**

#### **Ushers and Coffee Hosts**

Summertime is difficult to get volunteers to help during worship. **Coffee Hosts:** If you can help make coffee on Sunday mornings (Coffee Fellowship is from 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings) please contact Peggy Kincaid at [fellowship@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:fellowship@blacksburgpres.org) or (540) 808-6154.

**Ushers** are also needed every Sunday. Four people are required to make this opportunity to serve go smoothly. It is a great way for your family to be a part of worship at BPC! Single folks too! Contact Rob Kincaid at [rbk0831@gmail.com](mailto:rbk0831@gmail.com) or the church office at 552-2504.

Please do your part by being involved at church. It's who we are!

### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **Church Opener:**

Mike Giles

**July Opener:** Brian Smith

#### **Elder of the Week:**

**Today:** Ami Jo

**Mon-Sunday:** Brent Opell

#### **Ushers:**

Bob and Delores Hendricks

#### **Counters:**

Paula Stith and Mike McGilliard

#### **Coffee Hosts:**

Peggy Kincaid

**Next Week: Volunteer needed-**  
Please see Peggy Kincaid if you can help!

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

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| June 25 | Summer Choir practice at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room<br>Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.<br>Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Carl Utley preaching  |
| June 26 | Staff meets at 1:30 p.m.  |
| June 27 | Bible & Breakfast Group (Summer Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study)<br>at 7:30 a.m. – at Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd.- All are welcome!<br>Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH<br>Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome! |
| June 29 | Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.   |
| July 2  | Summer Choir practice at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room<br>Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.<br>Worship w/communion at 10:30 a.m. – Emily Rhodes Hunter, preaching<br>Fair Trade Items available following worship  |

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

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| July 4  | Church Office Closed for July 4 <sup>th</sup> Holiday                          |
| July 15 | Memorial Service for Lorene (Renie) Newman at 10:00 a.m. w/reception to follow |
| July 24 | KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. –WM   |
| July 25 | New Elder Training at 7:00 p.m.  |
| July 28 | Faith on Tap 6:00-8:00 p.m. Location to be determined                          |



**We can't do it without you!**

# 2017 CELEBRATION FLOWER RESERVATION

Celebration flowers glorify God, and add beauty and a sense of hospitality to our worship services. Flowers often are given in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special event in our lives. If you would like to sponsor the celebration flowers for any of the following dates in 2017, please complete this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

## Options for sponsoring the Celebration Flowers:

- 1.) **Best Wishes** will bill you directly for your arrangements, which will cost \$50. (Special floral requests may incur an additional charge.)
- 2.) **Or you may wish to have the flower committee** make an arrangement for you for the same price.
- 3.) **Another alternative, you may sponsor the use of BPC's peace lilies** in worship and donate the cost of an arrangement to a church program or charity of your choice.

July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	6		8		31
16			15		

Choice of dates: First : \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Third: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please indicate optional choices in case your first choice is no longer available.)

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to be billed by florist: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Flower/color preferences: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If no preference is specified, the florist will select flowers/colors from the best available.)

**TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN:** "Flowers given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

After church (please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor will take arrangement(s) home \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver to shut-in(s)names) \_\_\_\_\_



## Summer

**Sing a New Song Summer Singing:** Our Summer Choir is open to all, young and old(er), who enjoy singing. This includes children. I will have age-appropriate ways for all to participate. Each Sunday from June 11 through August 20, except July 9 & 16 and August 13, we will meet in the upstairs rehearsal room at 9:45 to practice a song and offer it as the anthem during worship. No special talent required, and no commitment is necessary—come once, twice, every fourth Sunday in odd numbered months, or whenever! A weekly email will be sent to all potential singers, with information about the upcoming Sunday and a reminder of practice time and place.

To be added to the email list, write your name and email address below and place it in the offering plate, or email Jeffrey at [jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

