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OUR 2020 GRADUATES



Jonathan Bunker



Lydia Costanzo



Tyler Duckstein



Laurel Tucker

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

SHARED CONCERNS AND RITE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A wind breathes among us, calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One.

People: A fire burns within us, calling us to service, calling us to prayer.

Leader: A spirit moves around us, calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.

People: Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion, we bring our lives to you.

Leader: Through and in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - unison

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

FIRST LESSON: 1Peter 2:4-10

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

⁸and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2: 1-12

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

ANTHEM

SERMON Thank God for the Guy Speaking Cappadocian" Rev. Jonathan W. Bunker

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;^{*}
³ he restores my soul.^{*}
He leads me in right paths^{*}
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^{*}
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^{*} goodness and mercy^{*} shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.*

WE RESPOND AND GIVE THANKS

PRAYER OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) 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 glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating our Graduates: In the next few weeks, four from our church family will be celebrating their High School graduations. We join them and their families in lifting up all of their accomplishments. Jonathan Bunker is graduating from Randolph Macon Academy, Lydia Costanzo is graduating from Woodgrove High School, Tyler Duckstein is graduating from Millbrook High School and Laurel Tucker is graduating from Handley High School. We are proud of all that they have achieved.

Communion Celebration: The Session has authorized the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion in our on-line worship next Sunday. We encourage you to participate. All you will need is some bread (of any description) and some grape juice (though any juice or even water will suffice.) We believe the power of the Sacrament is not in the physical elements but what God's Spirit does in and through those elements. Together we will eat the bread and drink from the cup of salvation and remember the length our God went to save us.

Backpack Buddy Collection: Throughout May we will be collecting juice boxes for the Backpack Buddy Program.

Cancelation of All Church Activities: The Session has extended the cancelation of all in-person Church activities through July 8th. We are actively developing our plan for the return to in-person worship which we anticipate being on Sunday, July 12th. See the letter from Jonathan posted on the church website for more information on what our worship will look like and what it will take to promote the safest experience possible for those who will attend. Be assured that we will continue to live steam

the 11:00 AM worship service so that those not able to attend worship will be able to participate.

Cleaning Products: Returning to in-person worship requires that we develop and maintain a supply of products that will allow us to clean and disinfect spaces used during the worship services after each service. If you are shopping and run across disinfecting wipes, sprays, and other cleaners, please consider purchasing some for the church. We will be happy to reimburse you. The Session is working to develop a list of suitable cleaners and we will share it with you when we have it.

Cleaning Teams: Returning to worship will also require groups of volunteers to do the cleaning after each service. We hope to establish several teams that can be assigned responsibility for cleaning on a rotating basis. If you would like to volunteer for a cleaning team please contact the church office. We will be developing a list.

Wednesdays with Jonathan: Wednesday evening Vesper Services will continue this week. Join Jonathan at 7:00 PM on our YouTube Channel for a time of scripture reading and devotion. We will continue this practice throughout our season of social distancing. **Masks:** The CDC is recommending that everyone wear masks when going into public buildings. We want to make sure that all of our members and friends have at least one mask to wear. If you need one, please call Jonathan and we will arrange to get you one.

Social Distancing and Lunch with the Pastor: I am willing to meet up for a lunch date Monday through Thursday at a time convenient to you. I will have a pizza delivered to your home and one to me and then will call you to chat while you eat yours and I eat mine (it doesn't have to be pizza). We have to be apart from one another, but that just might mean we have to find new ways to be together. By the way, I have not copyrighted this idea; I encourage you to make it your own. Send a friend a Pizza and when it arrives, give them a call and have a lunch conversation. It's just one way we can be the church in the midst of this. Let me know if you try it and how it goes.

BP Social Distancing Family Album: Each week we will be collecting pictures of how members of our Church Family are passing their time in this period of Social Distancing. I hope you enjoy the ones included with this bulletin. I encourage you to

take one or two yourselves this week and email them to me at the church so we can include them next week. **Please share your Photos. All the pictures we receive are also being placed in a <u>Photo Album on the Church's Facebook Page</u>**.

Stewardship: In the midst of this crisis Berryville Presbyterian Church stands on the foundation of the congregation's commitment to faithful stewardship as we seek to minister to the community around us and respond to needs as they arise. The Session recognizes the difficulties of our circumstances but asks that if at all possible, you continue in your support our ministry. Offering donations can be sent to the church P.O. Box (#46) attention of the Treasurer.

The Family of Justin Madison Michael Mieur Betsy Arnett Lynda Aubery Cathy Bealor Jonathan Cardi Robert Cerwinsky Wayne Dang Cathy Dillow **Ginny Dunn** Al Dunsmore **Bob Ferrebee** Mary Green Ann Godfrey **Cheryl Hockman Rick Jones** Jeanie Kaiser Janet Light Lynelle Marple Mia Mazzacilli and Tommy Chet and Miriam Meyers Chloey Neely Betty Novovesky Dennis and Anna Payne Debra Rogan Joan Schneider Andrey Semenyuk Samantha Vandeberg Orra Welsh Randy Williams.

MISSIONARIES:

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent serving in Costa Rica

MILITARY:

Jacob Arthur; Kyle Money; Maggie Beyer; Jordan Morgan; Brooke and Luke Bisig; Bryce Munger.