

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Deborah Harkins, Faye Greer, Helen Haberneck, Carrol Marshall, David McKinney, Mike Duncan, Theo Weger and his parents Daniel and Christiana, Gus and Pat McKinney, Phillip and Caroline McKinney, Martha Pound, Leshia Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Conner Miller, Bobby and Becky Teague, the Wyatt family, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton, Erin and Jaik Halpainy, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Cody and Megan McKinney, the family of Mary Lou Howell.

Announcements:**Dates to remember:**

Burnsville Riding Center Event – Horsin' Around with Mt Mitchell Road Kill Band – August 21st – 7:00-10:00 pm
 Stop Hunger Now September 23rd at Higgins Methodist

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**Grassy Creek Presbyterian***August 20, 2017**We Worship, We Share, We Serve***Announcements and Welcome****Passing of the Peace****Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.**People:** And also with you.**Prelude:** *O Savior, in This Quiet Place (390)***Preparation for the Word****Call to Worship**

Sometimes we get the feeling that we are the only ones that the Lord loves.

Open our hearts to see all the people who are loved by the Lord.

We want Jesus to be our sole possession.

But Jesus reaches out to all others in need.

Lord, forgive our selfishness.

Open our hearts to find healing and restoration that we might be better disciples. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise—441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we come to you knowing we have failed to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, to support the oppressed. We have kept up appearances of righteousness but failed in our actions to help others. We have said hurtful words, we have gossiped, and we have excluded our brothers and sisters. Forgive us. Call us away from our selfish actions and turn us back to your way, to seeing our neighbor's needs as your needs, to loving our neighbor as you have loved us. In the name of Christ, who became last of all and servant of all so that we might learn to love one another, we pray. (*a moment of silent confession*) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is greater than our understanding and our comprehension. That love is continually given to each and every one of us each day. **Rejoice! God's forgiving love is poured out for us now and always. Amen.**

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Isaiah 56: 1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

Second Lesson

Matthew 15: 10-28

Sermon:

And Yet, She Persisted

Pastor Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—391 Take My Life***

Affirmation of Faith—(insert)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—*Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Thank you, compassionate God, that you intended your blessing for everyone and not just a select few. We are humbled and surprised by that kind of love. We offer you now our lives and our resources so that your love might be known to all those who seek and hunger for even a crumb of love and acceptance. And help us to be faithful bearers of that love into your Kingdom here on earth. Bless these gifts to that end, for we pray in the humble name of Jesus. Amen.

****Hymn of Sending—387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

***Charge and Benediction**

****Please stand if you are able.***

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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