

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, Lesha 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, the family of Ben Connor, Christian Hall, Everyone dealing with the destruction of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

Announcements:

Mayland Fellowship will meet October 8th at Banner Elk Presbyterian. Special program by Zack Allen and Rev. Maggie Lauterer. Dinner begins at 5:30. Hope you can join us for a wonderful evening. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

The Session will meet October 15th at 2:30

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

October 1, 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: His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Our world is so divided, fragmented by anger and hate.

Lord, draw us together at the table of our Lord.

Heal our wounds and build bridges of help and hope for all people.

Lord, meet us at the table and feed us with your healing words.

Lord, call us together to feast on your mercy and goodness.

Nourish us with words of peace that we may go into your world with love and compassion for all your people.

**Hymn of Praise—376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven, you are made new.

We will complete God's joy, by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Love the Lord*

Second Lesson

Matthew 21: 23-32

Sermon:

Authority Issues
Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *More Love to Thee*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.

Communion Hymn—Come to the Table of Grace (insert)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and Cup

****Closing Hymn—261 God of Compassion, in Mercy***
Befriend Us

Postlude

****Please stand if able.***

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 F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

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