

SEASON OF CREATION-MOUNTAINS
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2017

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“God never made an ugly landscape. All that the sun shines on is beautiful, so long as it wild.”
~John Muir, 1838-1914

John Muir (1838-1914), naturalist, writer, advocate of U.S. forest conservation, was raised as a Presbyterian and memorized the entire New Testament by the age of 11. He founded the Sierra Club and helped establish Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks.

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

Reverend Bob Fiedler

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.)

PRELUDE

March
Heidi Swartzwelder, organ

DANIEL GOTTLOB TURK

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Windes

In the name of God, who creates mountains,
the name of Christ, crucified on a mountain,
and the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, as we come into this sanctuary today,
we enter the holy mountain of God.

Holy! Holy! Holy! This mountain is filled with your presence.

† HYMN No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Thank you, God, for mountains to remember and wild worlds to make us wonder.
We remember the mountains where God chose to reveal a special presence, Mount Sinai and Mount Zion, a presence that also fills our planet. We remember the excitement as a child, climbing a peak and viewing creation, and seeing fascinating creatures around us. Thank you, God, for the wonder of God's wild world. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we stand in awe of your power to create a magnificent world for us to enjoy during our lifetime. Help us to see it anew as the wonder that it is. Forgive us

when we forget the power we hold, and responsibility we have, to keep it as a gift that we only borrow. Give us grace to return the gift to you and the generations to follow. Guide us as Christians to keep this treasure, your earth, safe from harm. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ forgives us and calls us to open our ears and hearts
to protect rather than destroy.

In Christ we know Earth is our home.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and guided by his peace.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 66 v. 1 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
(Refrain)

PENTECOST

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

† 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 1st 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.)

CELEBRATING MOUNTAINS WITH SONG

(Please see insert.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121
Matthew 28:16-20

ANTHEM

How Beautiful upon the Mountains
Adult Choir

arr. JOHN CARTER

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet that bring good tidings,
that bring words of peace and salvation.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who brings good tidings of peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

“Good News from a Holy Mountain”

Reverend Bob Fiedler

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 14, 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, Bob Fiedler. We are also grateful for Sarah Windes, who is our liturgist today, and all her gifts she shares with our congregation!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We collected \$1,545! Thank you again!

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship today are given by Stacy and Tim Potten in honor of mothers and especially our mothers, Martha and Christine.

Scripture for Sunday, May 21, 2017: Matthew 20:1-16

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: John Perumpral
Elder of the Week: Today: Julie Burger Mon-Sunday: Jan McGilliard
Ushers: Andrew, Peg, Griffin, Tyler and Sophia Warren
Counters: Forrest Thye and Shalini Perumpral
Coffee Hosts: John & Diane Wilson Next Week: Ariana Wyatt

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

May 14 Season of Creation - Mountains
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise children's choir practice at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Dusty & Bob Fiedler preaching
Youth Group End-of-Year party at Drumheller's, 1021 Green Ridge, Christiansburg, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

May 15 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR

May 16 Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!
Personnel meets at 5:00 p.m. – WM
Faith Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Cabo Fish Taco

May 17 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 21 Last Day of Sunday School
Teacher Appreciation in worship
Church Family Spring Lunch at BPC –following worship.-outside- weather permitting or FH
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR

May 29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 2 Memorial service for Charles Amos at 3:00 p.m.
Visitation/Reception with family at 2:00 p.m. at BPC prior to service

June 4- 8 Vacation Bible School for all ages! 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

June 23 Faith on Tap- Location to be determined

CREATION CARE- SEASON OF CREATION

Again, this year, we will observe a **Season of Creation** in worship. This year, our Season of Creation will be 3 Sundays in April and May. This will be the third year of a 3-year cycle, similar to a lectionary-type cycle. In year one, 2015, we considered the themes of Planet Earth, Sky/Air, and Rivers/Water. In year two, 2016, our themes were Rainbow Covenant, Forests, and Animals.

Today's themes will be:

Sunday, May 14: Mountains (Bob Fiedler, preaching.)

Thank you to Larry Bechtel for adding ocean currents and mountain relief (with snowcapped peaks!) to our "earth" at the front of the sanctuary for Season of Creation.



BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday school class, March 19 - May 21, 2017

Inspired from the class studying the book, Faithful Resistance by Rick Ufford-Chase, the next eight sessions are based on social justice issues mentioned in the book. Outside speakers as well as two of our own members will share their expertise in areas that is probably new information for most of us. All are welcome and previous class attendance is not needed.

May 14-- Speaker: BPC Equipping Team-Topic: Next Step for BPC

May 21—Speaker: Craig Woolsey, Aerospace and Ocean Engineering VA Tech-
Topic: Robots and Ethics



****UPDATE****

Church Family Spring Lunch

Sunday, May 21, 2017

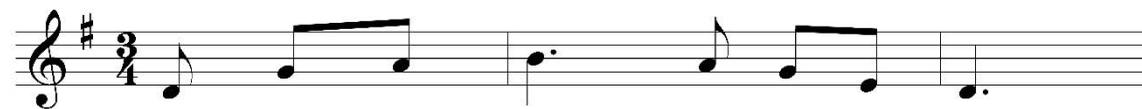
On Church Grounds Following Worship

We hope to see you there!

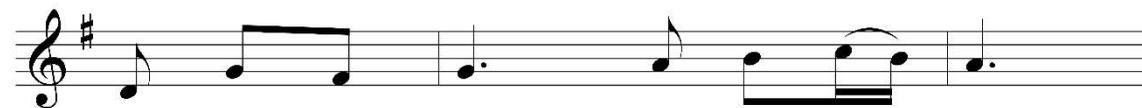


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God Folds the Mountains Out of Rock



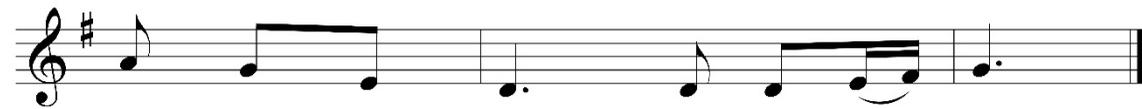
1. God folds the moun - tains out of rock
 2. From veins of stone we lift up fire,
 3. Our in - stru - ments can probe and sound
 4. Yet wis - dom is the great - er need,
 5. Lord, grant us what we can - not mine,
 6. Then we like moun - tains rich - ly veined



And fus - es el - e - men - tal powers
 And too im - pressed by our own skill
 The fold - ed moun - tain's po - tent ore,
 And wis - dom is the great - er source,
 What sci - ence can - not plumb or chart:
 Will be a source of light and flame



In ores and at - oms we un - lock
 We use the flame that we ac - quire,
 But wis - dom's ways are nev - er found
 For lack - ing wis - dom we pro - ceed
 Your wis - dom and your truth di - vine
 Whose en - er - gies have been or - dained



To claim as if their wealth were ours.
 Not think - ing of the Mak - er's will.
 A - mong the lodes of bur - ied ore.
 To waste God's oth - er gifts on force.
 En - fold - ed in a faith - ful heart.
 To glo - ri - fy the Mak - er's name.

Celebrating Mountains with Song

Climb every mountain,
 Search high and low,
 Follow every byway,
 Every path you know.
 Climb every mountain,
 Ford every stream,
 Follow every rainbow,
 'Til you find your dream.

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes.
 She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes.
 She'll be coming 'round the mountain, she'll be coming round the mountain,
 She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes.

There ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley low enough,
 Ain't no river wide enough to keep me from getting to you babe.

The bear went over the mountain, the bear went over the mountain,
 the bear went over the mountain to see what he could see,
 to see what he could see, to see what he could see.
 The other side of the mountain, the other side of the mountain,
 the other side of the mountain was all that he could see.

God bless America,
 Land that I love.
 Stand beside her, and guide her
 Thru the night with the light from above.
 From the mountains, to the prairies,
 To the oceans, white with foam,
 God bless America, my home sweet home
 God bless America, my home sweet home.

I love the mountains, I love the rolling hills,
 I love the flowers, I love the daffodils;
 I love the fireside when all the lights are low.
 Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da,
 Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da, Boom de-ahh-da.



SAVE THE DATES!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Sunday–Thursday., June 4-8, 5:30-8:00pm
Created by God, Built for a Purpose
 Register by May 21st



Name _____

Child's Age _____ Rising Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Any Allergies or medical conditions? _____

Volunteers Needed:

Center Leaders: Games Discovery Bible Skits Opening

Helpers: Actors Props/Costumes Decorating Games Crew Leaders

Dinner: Coordinator Cooks Clean Up

T-Shirt Size: Youth ____ (Please indicate size) Adult ____ (Please indicate size)

For more information, contact Susan Hunter, 552-2504 or susanh@blacksburgpres.org

You can register your child for VBS (For children ages 4 through rising 6th grade children) or to volunteer at blacksburgpres.org/vbs.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE
 Sign-up today!

Seven Ways to Help the Mountains:

Sources: [WWE](#), [Ski Club Great Britain](#), [The Nature Conservancy](#), [Appalachian Voices](#)



1. **Respect natural habitat.**
 Many wilderness and forest areas are out of bounds, sometimes for cars, sometimes for off-road vehicles, sometimes even for hikers, not just for safety reasons, but also to protect habitat of animals and plants.
2. **Leave no trace, when hiking or camping.**
 Pack out what you take in. Pick up litter you see. Minimize your environmental impact. Don't cut across switchbacks; it speeds erosion.
3. **Reduce your paper consumption and support sustainable forestry practices.**
 Mountainsides are less subject to erosion if covered in trees. Use recycled paper products, and recycle all paper.
4. **Shrink your carbon footprint.**
 Reducing the impact of climate change keeps snow on the mountains. Half the world's population depends on mountain meltwater for their drinking water and hydroelectric power.
5. **Protect biodiversity.**
 Don't contribute to the proliferation of invasive species. Plant native plants to attract native pollinators, native insects, and native birds that feed on them. Don't buy or encourage invasive plants in your yard.
6. **Don't transport firewood.**
 When camping, don't bring firewood from home. In your woodstove or fireplace, buy it where you'll burn it, collect it on site or buy heat-treated firewood. Foreign pests and diseases that are wiping out hundreds of thousands of trees are often not visible in firewood, and are transmitted by moving wood around.
7. **Learn what can be done to end mountaintop removal coal mining.**
 Learn about the Clean Water Protection Act and the Steam Protection Rule and how they could protect communities and water quality. Based on available government data, mountaintop removal coal provides roughly only 3% of our country's electricity.



The best week of the summer!

- New friends • Amazing experiments
- Creative games • Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
(church name)

VBS will last from: Sun., June 4 - Thurs., June 8, 2017
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 5:30 p.m.
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 8:00 p.m.
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Susan Hunter at 540-552-2504
(church phone number)

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