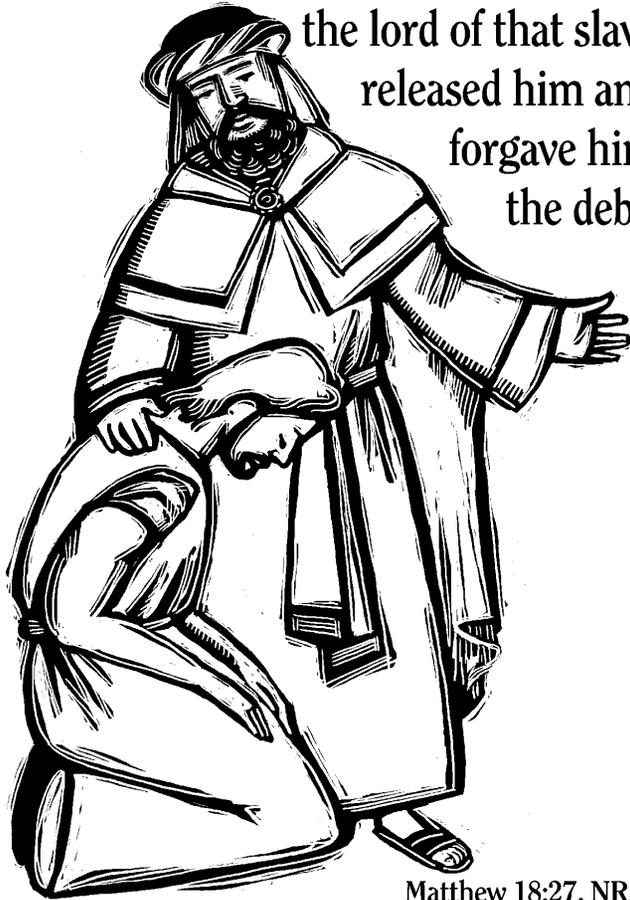


THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 17, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

And out of pity for him,
the lord of that slave
released him and
forgave him
the debt.



Matthew 18:27, NRSV

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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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Words of Greeting

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 658

“Awesome God”

Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power and love – Our God is an awesome God!

Call to Worship (*Exodus 15*)

Leader: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

People: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might.

**People: This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.**

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**People: Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders.**

*Hymn # 50

“Great Is the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
You move heaven and earth to save us, but we are unmoved by
the suffering of others. You are willing to forgive again and
again, but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others.
Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but
released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Romans 14:1-12 (pg. 163 of NT)
Anthem *“At the Name of Jesus”*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 20 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Larger Catechism)*
What do we pray for in the fifth petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

In the fifth petition (which is, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”), acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God, and neither we nor any other creature can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved, continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

*Hymn # 371 *“Our Father We Have Wandered”*
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 372 *“I Then Shall Live”*
*Benediction
*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Barb Brown; Ushers, Ron & Janelle Hood, Naomi Sigafos and Gene Artman; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Annabel Machak.

THE BOY SCOUTS will meet Monday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

OUR CHOIRS are back! Rehearsals for both are Wednesday evenings. The Bell Choir will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room and the Chancel Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information on the choirs please see Vicky Westley, Bell Choir Director or Cindy Borbonus, Chancel Choir Director.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship Sunday, September 24th to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2018 Pastoral Terms of Call.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE 3RD ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. Again this year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

THE DEACONS are collecting new or gently used men's shoes size 10 or larger for patients at Torrance State Hospital. You can leave the shoes in the office or in the back of the church in or near the Torrance Hospital bin.

DURING the month of September the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: pillows, tall kitchen and large garbage bags, plastic cups, twin sheets, shampoo, deodorant, hand sanitizer and large freezer bags. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, the Congregational Fellowship Committee will offer a Bread Baking event in our church kitchen. If you've ever wanted to learn the art of bread baking this event is for you. The finished products will be served on Sunday, October 1st. Some of the bread will be used during worship as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Then following worship, a Soup and Bread Luncheon is planned for the congregation. We hope you will plan to attend the Bread Baking experience and/or share in the blessings of the efforts. The event is sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee. We are looking for volunteers to make soup for the luncheon. Please let Nancy Hartmann know if you can help. See the bulletin insert to rsvp.

CARE & SHARE DAY 2017 will be held Saturday, September 30th. We will be a collection sight again this year. Those participating can drop off their food donations in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE...This year's Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held following worship Sunday, November 19th. Mark your calendars!

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved