

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 1, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalm 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope:**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

**People: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

*Hymn #451 *"Be Still, My Soul"*

*Prayer of Confession

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the good news you offer. We weep at the power of death but laugh at your promise of new life. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us of all doubt and despair and give us the gift of faith by which you make us whole; 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

II Corinthians 8:7-15 (pg. 183 of NT)

Special Music

Betsy Holby

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-43 (pg. 39 of NT)

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Favorites #13

"He Touched Me"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

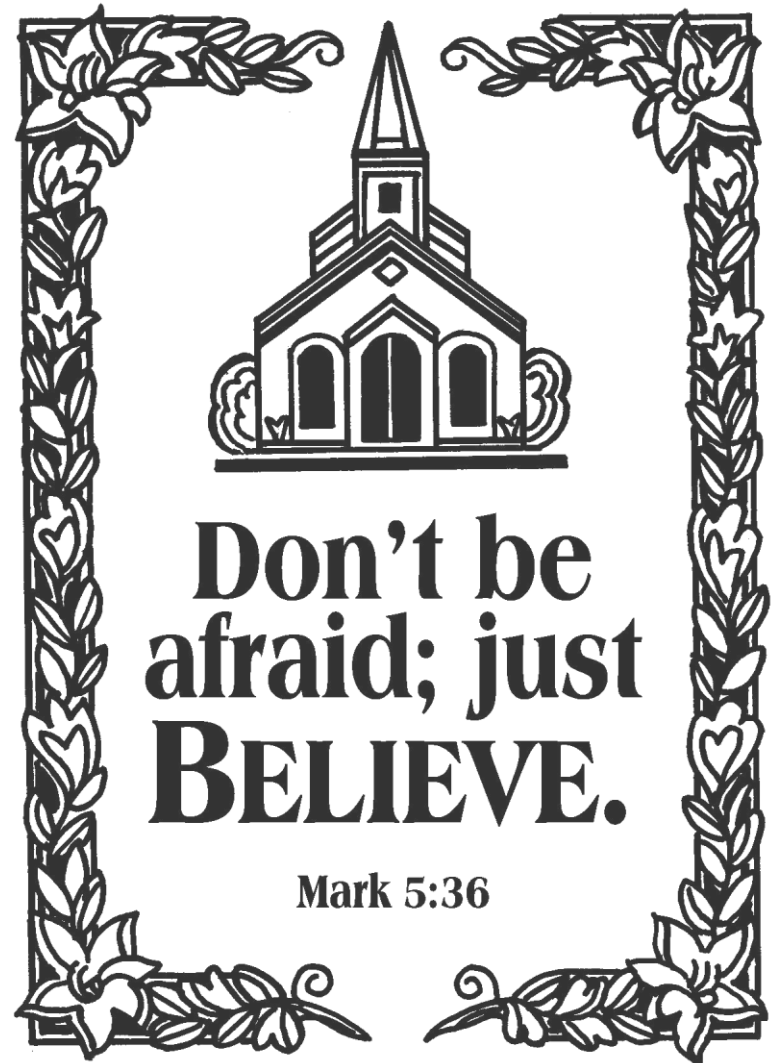
*Hymn #500

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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



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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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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, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Bobbi Monroe, Ken Doak; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus. Special music is provided by our guest musician, Betsy Holby.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Reeves given by the Reeves Family.

THE OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in recognition of the Independence Day holiday.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, July 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being scheduled to share their musical talent during worship. If you or someone you know would be willing to share with us, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

Guest Musicians Schedule:

Today..... Betsy Holby
July 15Nightengals
July 29 Blairsville Brass Group
August 5Adam Loucks
August 12Dave Hiltabidle
August 26 Danielle & Matthew Cyphert

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 CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE would like to thank Erica Ash and Joan Moran for all their hard work and planning the First Responder Appreciation Dinner.

THE CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY CENTER hosts a Soup Kitchen in Blairsville from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the 2nd Baptist Church, 241 E. Campbell Street. Volunteers are always needed to help support the program. If you would like to help, please contact the center Monday, Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The dates are listed: July 10, 24, August 14, 21.

A KIDS 4-H DAY CAMP is scheduled to meet in Fellowship Hall July 10-12th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This year's camp will include coding & programming, robotics, rocketry, and cryptology. For more information, please contact the Penn State Extension Office at 724-465-3880.

LITURGISTS are an important part of our worship service. If you are interested in assisting in worship as a liturgist or would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday		Independence Day! Office Closed
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

MISSION MOMENT - *Ask questions — then listen and learn*

He was a man of few words. My visits often consisted of a monologue I carefully constructed around veiled questions, hoping he would offer up details about his life without getting agitated. But his responses were short — a few words uttered in a deep voice that got louder if he was irritated by the subject matter. I met Robert after he moved into a nursing home. What little I knew about him I had learned from a brother who lived out of state. Robert's background included a career in graphic arts, working with his father in a commercial printing business, a failed marriage, depression, heavy drinking and excessive smoking. Robert had lived independently until his mental state deteriorated so much that a crossing guard saw him walking down a street without shoes on a snowy day and called the paramedics. That's how he ended up at the hospital and eventually was institutionalized. By watching his habits, I learned that he had a sweet tooth. I also discovered that he loved classical music. Whenever I played a selection on my smartphone, he would close his eyes and hum the tune. However, it wasn't until the day he died that I learned Robert had been an avid painter. As I kept the vigil by his deathbed, I offered companionship to his brother on the phone. In gratitude, he emailed me pictures of paintings by Robert he had kept after clearing out his apartment. Chicago streets and an elevated-train stop, a neighbor standing in an alley — even a self-portrait. As I looked at the images, I felt sad at the lost opportunity to offer him greater meaning during his last days by engaging with him in what was clearly his favorite hobby. It was that day I vowed to stop my veiled questions, to be more assertive, more inquisitive — even at the risk of pestering — so that dementia patients, like Robert, will not be buried and forgotten while still alive.

Magdalena I. Garcia, Hospice Chaplain for Vitas Healthcare in Chicago