

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 29, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 130*)

**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!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Hymn

“Abide with Me”

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O Lord who changes not, abide with me.
I need your presence every passing hour;
What but your grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.**

Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-45

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what-e'er you love,
And do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
So that your will is mine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with your fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.**

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

Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Benediction

Postlude

In the weeks to come, please check for news and updates on our facebook page – The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville; our website – www.r-church.com; or call the church office – 724-459-7991, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We will do our best to continue to share worship with you online until the quarantine is lifted.

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