# THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

May 17,  $2020 \sim 11:00 \text{ AM}$ 

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF GREETING

PRELUDE "O Worship the King with Here I Am to Worship" Marilyn Neal, Organist Arr. by Anna Laura Page; Word Music

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

HYMN # 56

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;

By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.

And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:

To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.

Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.

For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:

To God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.

Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.

Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:

To God all praise and glory!

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You made the heavens and earth, but we worship our own devices. You send your Spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own way. Forgive us; give us new life! Renew the promise of our baptism and make us ready to receive the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Peter 3:13-22

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy Ground"

By Geron Davis - EMI Christian Music Publishing

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 SERMON Rev. Timothy Monroe

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

HYMN # 451

"Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
Leave to your God to order and provide In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past;
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake –
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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