

# THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

May 24, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

### WORDS OF GREETING

#### PRELUDE

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*  
Arr. by Kenneth Varner

Marilyn Neal, Organist

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 68*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

**Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

**Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

#### HYMN # 82

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to all people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You have offered us your Word; still we trust in worldly truths. You have offered us eternal life; still we cling to temporary things. Forgive us; give us new life! Show us the glory of your presence and the gift of your promise: the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Prayer"*

Arr. by George Blake

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 49)*

What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

**First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a counterpledge by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.**

HYMN # 320

*"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"*

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debt...and debtors...)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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