

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

May 31, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF GREETING

PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Descend"

By Ellen Jane Lorenz

Marilyn Neal, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 104*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

HYMN # 59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us in every language, but we refuse to heed your Word. You pour out the gifts of your Spirit, but we try to contain your grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Breathe upon us with your mercy and fill us with the power to proclaim 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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 7:37-39

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Spirit of the Living God"

By Daniel Iverson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

HYMN # 461

"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 glows 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.

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE