

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 12, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Timothy Monroe

PRELUDE

"O Lord Most Holy"

Arr. by Jerry Aultman

Organist, Marilyn Neal – Pianist, Cindy Borbonus

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 119*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

HYMN # 502

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

By thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

Arr. by Harold DeCou

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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 # 721

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home,
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in your presence to abide,
Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE