

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 19, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Timothy Monroe

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

By John Newton & Virginia Harmony

Kayla Moran, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 139*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as
light to you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.**

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

HYMN # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from far away and are acquainted with all our ways. So you understand how lost we sometimes feel, for evil has surrounded and grown in us. We confess that we have acted in our own interests, without concern for others. We have betrayed those we love, told lies to protect ourselves, and taken things we had no right to own. Loving God, forgive our selfishness and deliver us from evil. Astound us with your mercy, ground us in your grace, and lead us in your way everlasting.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Remember Me"
Abigail Bruner, signing

By Mark Schultz

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(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.

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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Abigail Bruner and Kayla Moran

HYMN # 719

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace:

I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
