THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE July 26, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Shout to the Lord" arr. by Bruce Greer Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

- **People:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
- Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- **People:** Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done. his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

People: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. Praise the Lord! "As the Deer"

*Hymn # 471

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you; You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength and shield; Chorus to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy; You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

(Chorus)

You're my friend and you are my brother,

Even though you are a king;

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!

(Chorus)

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*Prayer of Confession

Help us, O God: We do not know how to pray as we ought. We are accustomed to hiding our faults; we scarcely know them well enough to confess them to you. Forgive our dimness of vision, our dearth of compassion, our failures to remember and appreciate your wonderful works of faithfulness and mercy. Make us patient in our trials, confident of your love, and joyful in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson	Mat	thew 13:31-33, 44-52
Special Music	"In this Very Room"	arr. by Fred Bock
New Testament Lesso	on	Romans 8:26-39
Sermon		Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 52) What comfort does the return of Christ "to judge the living and the dead" give you?

That in all affliction and persecution I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted himself to the judgment of God for me and has removed all the curse from me; that he will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with all his elect, to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (debt...and debtors...)

"I Am Thine, O Lord" *Hymn # 408

I am thine, O Lord – I have heard thy voice,

and it told thy love to me;

But I long to rise in the arms of faith

And be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, Chorus To the cross where thou hast died: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope And my will be lost in thine.

(Chorus)

O the pure delight of a single hour That before thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.

(Chorus) There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with thee.

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*Benediction *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

Welcome to Worship!

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist; Marilyn Neal, Organist; Cindy Borbonus, Pianist; Jonathan, Andrea and Doug Clayton, Equipment Techs.

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING will take place as you enter or depart the sanctuary. Plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

WE ARE IN NEED of volunteers to be trained to run new worship equipment. There are projection needs, sound needs and computer needs. Please contact the church office to be a part of this new venture. We hope to hear from you by the first week of August to schedule training.



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