THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE August 2, 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

"Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. by Jeff Anderson

Call to Worship (Psalm 17)

- L: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- P: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
- L: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
- P: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- L: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
- P: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

*Hymn # 59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are those disciples, expecting people to fend for themselves and afraid to take responsibility for others. We forget the blessings we have received at others' hands and resist the common life to which you call us. O God, forgive us for hearing only what we want to hear, for underestimating your claim upon us and your power to change us, for pursuing goals that serve no greater good. Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share them gladly, and so be satisfied with the life you intend for us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri *Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	L	Ephesians 3:14-21
Special Music	"Amazing Grace"	arr. by Jari Villanueva
Gospel Lesson		John 6:1-14
Sermon		Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27-28)

What do you understand by the providence of God? The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

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

*Hymn # 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

*Benediction

*Postlude "The Prince of Denmark's March" "Goin' Home"

By Jeremiah Clarke By Antonin Dvorak Arr. Jari Villanueva

(*All who are able, please stand)

Welcome to Worship!

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

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Ron and Kim McKinney.

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING will take place as you enter or depart the sanctuary. Plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. We thank you for your faithful support of the church.

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.

MISSION MOMENT

Dear Friends at Blairsville,

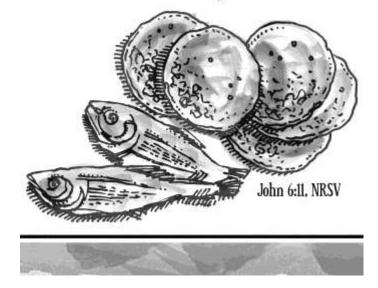
Your faithfulness in supporting me and the ministry in Rwanda is such a blessing. I can't thank you enough. I know that these are difficult times for everyone and that makes me all the more appreciative of your support and generosity for what God is doing in Rwanda. Thank you!

Conditions are improving here, even in the face of additional cases of COVID-19. Churches have been given the requirements for opening and we are working on meeting those so that we may open the English chapel within the next week. We anticipate that greatly. I continue to do online teaching for our students who are scattered across the country. This is a challenge for many who lack the technology or the access to the technology that makes such learning possible, but they find ways. I am so impressed by their commitment to their studies.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Kay Day



Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.



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"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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"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

The Lord my Shepherd guards me well, and all my wants are fed: amid green pastures made to lie, beside still waters led. My care-worn soul grows strong and whole When God's true path I tread.

Though I should walk in darkest ways Through valleys like the grace, No evil shall I ever fear; Your presence makes me brave. On my behalf your rod and staff Assure me you will save.

For me a table has been spread Where all my foes can see; You bathe my head with fragrant oil To soothe and honor me. My heart and cup are both filled up With joyful ecstasy.

Your steadfast love will follow me To shield me all my days And bring me to your holy house, Redeemed from error's ways, My whole life long to join the song Of those who sing God's praise.

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