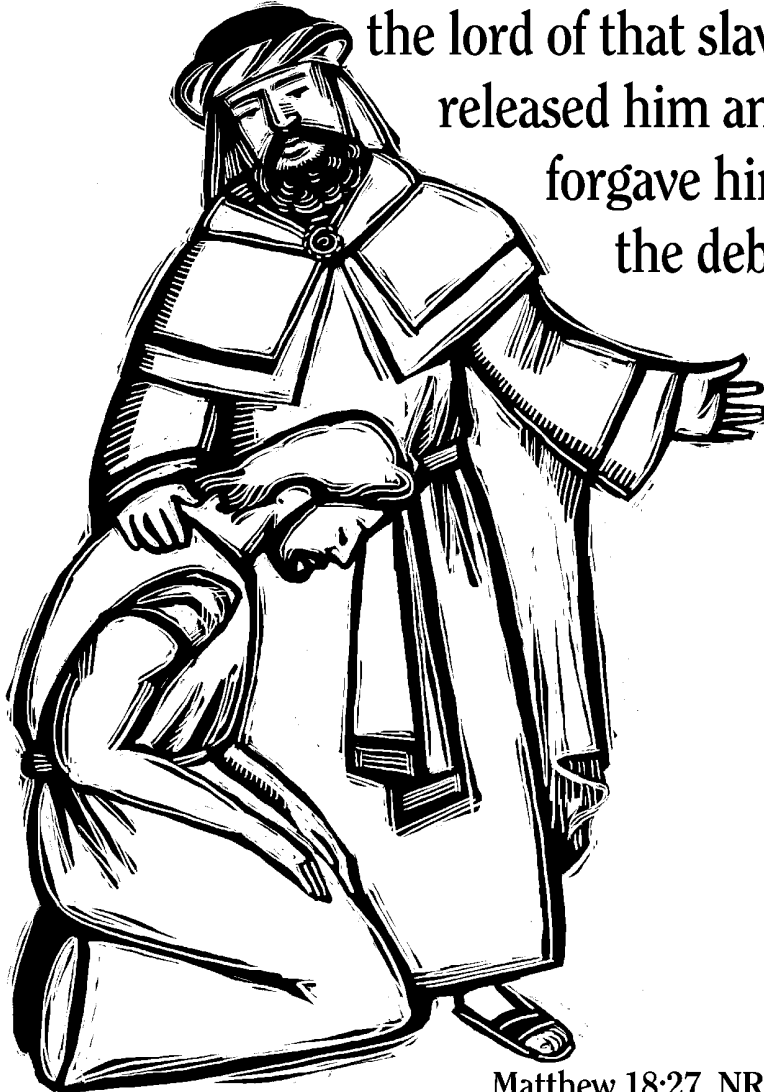


And out of pity for him,
the lord of that slave
released him and
forgave him
the debt.



Matthew 18:27, NRSV

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 13, 2020 ~ 11:00 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

“Great Is the Lord”
Karen Kerin - trumpet

Arr. by Jack Schrader

Call to Worship (*Exodus 15*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

People: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation.

**People: This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
The Lord is his name.**

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**People: Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?**

*Hymn # 136

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Prayer of Confession

“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” So we pray, O God; yet we confess our lives show forth little mercy. We pass judgment on people who think and live differently than do we. Suspicion, jealousy, and quarrels infect our relationships, and keep us from building communities where everyone feels welcome and known. Merciful God, again we ask your forgiveness. Teach us and guide us to extend to others what we have received so abundantly from you: gracious acceptance, saving help, and love that will bind us together.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Special Music

“World Medley”

Arr. by Brant Adams

Karen Kerin - trumpet

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Larger Catechism)

What do we pray for in the fifth petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

In the fifth petition (which is, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”), acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God, and neither we nor any other creature can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved, continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

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

*Hymn # 372

“I Then Shall Live”

*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Special Music, Karen Kerin; Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Rick and Willa Shoemaker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather to rehearse Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

AFTER A LONG RECESS, Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be physically spread out and masks will be worn. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. We will pick up with where we left off—Acts 5:17.

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.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive at the Blairsville Community Center gym on Friday, September 18th from 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: bcbcc to schedule an appointment.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, September 27th following worship for the purpose of electing our new classes of elders and deacons and for action on the 2021 Pastoral Terms of Call. The meeting will be available online to those members watching and a phone number will be given to members to call in questions. If you would like a copy of the list of officers and the 2021 Terms of Call, please call the church office at 724-459-7991.

CONGRATULATIONS to Clark and Connie Bruner who celebrated 25 years of marriage on September 9th!

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
