



**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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September 20, 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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

By Gesangbuch der Hersogl

Call to Worship (*Psalms 105*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

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: So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.**

Leader: He gave them the lands of the nations,  
and they took possession  
of the wealth of the peoples,

**People: That they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done for us in the past. We see scarcity where you supply abundance. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provisions, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Second Helvetic Confession)*

**We are justified on account of Christ. Now it is most certain that all of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God’s judgment-seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration for us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: “Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:23 f.)**

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

\*Hymn # 422

“Amazing Grace”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Special Music, Organ and Piano Duets; Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Annabel Machak.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** 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. **Questions during the meeting can be called into 724-840-9771.** 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.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

AFTER A LONG RECESS, Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 where we left off—Acts 5:17.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather to rehearse Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

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.

VOLUNTEERS continue to be needed for training on the 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.

SEVERAL DATES are available on the 2020 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please call the church office. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

BECAUSE OF COVID health concerns, we have not been serving the Lord's Supper. However, we plan to administer the sacrament on October 4th, World Wide Communion Sunday. Those who wish to receive will be asked to come forward to receive the elements from gloved elders and deacons. Those who wish to remain in their pew will be served where they are.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship
	12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 59

G G/D D7 G/D D/C G/B D7/A G G/D D

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

G C/G G7 C#4 Am/C G/C Am/C G/D D7 G/D D7 G

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

D G/D D7 G/D D7 B/D# B7 Em A7 D

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

G C/G G7 C#4 Am/C G/C Am/C G/D D7 G D7 G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)  
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7.D.

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved:  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

Words by John Newton, alt.; vs. 5, anonymous  
Music: Virginia Harmony, adapt. Edwin O. Excell  
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