

“Why are  
you putting me  
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, 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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October 18, 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

“Morning Has Broken”

Gaelic Melody – Arr. By Paul Mickelson

Call to Worship (*Psalms 99*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

**People: Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

**People: Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

\*Hymn # 317 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, our ruler and deliverer: you have loved us and put faith in us, and we have disappointed you. We have forgotten your good works on our behalf and failed to trust your promises. Our world**

**shows little evidence of the justice and righteousness you love; our governments are corrupt and our economies brutal. We do not honor you with our lives. O Lord, be gracious, and show mercy to us. Lead us and sustain us by your presence, that we may know you and find favor in your sight.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Anthem

“Show Me the Way, O Lord” By J. Parks

Chancel Choir, Director – Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Confession of 1967)*

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of man in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than man’s schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

\*Hymn # 688

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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

\*Hymn # 466

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are 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 Cherry Klingensmith by Cindy Borbonus and family.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are attempting to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. Please respect the space of others when choosing your seat. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the parlor from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This group gathers to work on knitting, crocheting or other needlework. Bring your personal projects and come for a time of fellowship.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon review information for the 2021 budget. Committee chairs are asked to look at your plans for next year and consider your financial needs. Changes to your budget area should be into the church office by October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is being held again this year. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for “Coat Drive” and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS for families in the community will be assembled by the deacons. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Articles of food can include: canned fruit or vegetables, boxed baked goods, pie fillings, Jello, boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, just to name a few. A container will be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. (Please check expiration dates on items before donating them.) If you are aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Marilyn Neal or Pastor Monroe by Monday, November 16th. Thank you for your generous help in the past, and we look forward to sharing another happy holiday with those in our community!

WE THANK those who work hard to prepare the church building for our return each week. Please know that we are making every effort to provide a safe environment. Your patience and cooperation in this process is appreciated.

#### In-House Worship Guide:

- ✓ Stay home, if not feeling well
- ✓ Wear a mask, if able
- ✓ Abide by distancing guides
- ✓ Respect the space of others
- ✓ Restrooms are open, if needed
- ✓ Remain in your seat until dismissed by an usher

## **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
	2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Meets
<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

# 317 Crown Him with Many Crowns

D Bm G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{A7}{E}$  D A

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm D E  $\frac{E}{D}$   $\frac{A}{C\#}$   $\frac{E7}{B}$  A D Esus E A

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

$\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D  $\frac{A7}{E}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{B7}{F\#}$  E  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{E}{G\#}$  A

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
 no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;

$\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em7 A D  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D Asus A7 D

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 but down-ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

DIADEMATA  
 S.M.D.

# We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be:  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first-fruits give.

3. To comfort and to bless,  
to find a balm for woe,  
to tend the lone and fatherless  
is angels' work below.

4. The captive to relieve,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christ-like thing.

5. And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

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# Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love,  
at the impulse of thy love.

2. Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee;  
take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King,  
always, only for my King.

3. Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold,  
not a mite would I withhold.

4. Take my love, my God, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

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