



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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Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Arr. Towner

Organ-Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Joel 2*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

For the day of the Lord is coming, it is near -

People: A day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,

People: With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,

People: For he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Hymn # 348 “Softly and Tenderly”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We want you to notice our humility, but we fail to notice neighbors in need. We want you to show us your mercy, but we fail to show mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cleanse our hearts and

renew our spirits so that we may know once again the joy of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Imposition of Ashes

(As worshippers come forward to receive the imposition of ashes – those in the pew will read Psalm 51 aloud.)

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Anthem

“We Need the Lord”

Arr. Worley & George

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. *(The Apostles' Creed)*

*Hymn # 386

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Anthem "God So Love the World" Arr. Stainer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

This Evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

Our Worship Assistants for the evening service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Projector & Sound, Elizabeth & Abigail Bruner; Streaming, John Bruner; Ushers, Pat & Janeen Swope.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day beginning today and concluding on Easter Day.

Our Offering received this evening will be used in replenishing our Deacon Food Pantry Outreach.



Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

“Softly and Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

William Lamartine Thompson

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“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earth-born passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be,
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point to the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when this life is past
I may th’eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last.

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“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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