



*And he went throughout  
Galilee, proclaiming  
the message...*

MARK 1:39, 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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February 7, 2021 ~ 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Arr. By Kochur

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalm 147*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the broken-hearted,  
and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**People: For the Lord takes pleasure  
in those who revere him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

\*Hymn # 71 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Great God, we confess our weariness. We grow faint with our  
busyness. We have no energy to help the powerless. We look for  
strength and find exhaustion. We do not wait for you. Merciful**

**God, forgive us, and lead us back to you, for in you our strength is renewed. Fill our voices with your praise, that all might hear! Renewed, restored and refreshed in Christ our Redeemer.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Scout Recognition

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Anthem

“On Eagles’ Wings”

By Joncas

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Apostles’ Creed)*

**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.**

\*Hymn # 473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

\*Hymn # 476

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad and Dennis Gould; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

THE 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting was held last Sunday following worship. Copies of the annual report are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting. Please help yourself to a copy. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

GRANNIES will meet Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE will review the financial accounts of the church Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those responsible for overseeing a financial account are asked to have your books at the church Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. 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 for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety measures are followed while we meet. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will gather in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to work on personal projects and fellowship. All are invited.

## THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs were determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings – Co-chairs, Doug Clayton and Gene Artman

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries – Chair, Gene Artman

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education – Chair, Mary Anzelone

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Chair, Rick Shoemaker

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care – Chair, Kim McKinney

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory – Co-chairs, Pat Swope and Bob Cosharek

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Chair, Joan Moran

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Co-chairs, Lisa Hainaut and Lon Ferguson

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The service will be live streamed for those at home. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will once again put together a community Lenten devotional. Many copies will be published and they should be made available to you by next Sunday, February 14th.

EACH YEAR the community gathers each Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent for a worship service followed by a luncheon. Last year the remaining lunches were cancelled in March due to the pandemic. The ministerium has decided to cancel the Lenten Services for the 2021 season due to the ongoing safety concern.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship today. All of the gifts received will be sent to the ICCAP Food Bank. They are able to purchase food for just 10 cents a pound and nutritious produce for just 3 cents a pound which is then distributed throughout the county by a network of volunteers at local Food Bank distribution sites. A designated container is located at the back of the sanctuary for your Souper Bowl offering.

### **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 Scout Recognition Sunday <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering</i>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Area Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Financial Audit in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troops meet in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship

## LITANY FOR RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS

Scouts: A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY.

Leader: *Scouts' honor is to be trusted: keeping promises made, telling the truth, honest in conduct, and dependable to all people.*

People: **“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor.”** Proverbs 21:21

Scouts: A Scout is LOYAL.

Leader: *A Scout is loyal to all to who loyalty is due: Scout leader, other Scouts, home, parents, and country.*

People: **“Live as servants of God...Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.”** I Peter 2:17

Scouts: A Scout is HELPFUL.

Leader: *Scouts must be prepared at any time to save lives, help injured people, and share in home duties. They must do at least one good turn for someone every day.*

People: **“Let us not be weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at the harvest time, if we don't give up.”** Galatians 6:9

Scouts: A Scout is FRIENDLY.

Leader: *Scouts are friendly to all and a brother or sister to every other Scout.*

People: **“A friend loves at all times and kinsfolk are born for to share adversity.”** Proverbs 17:17

Scouts: A Scout is COURTEOUS.

Leader: *Scouts are polite to all, not taking any pay for being helpful or courteous.*

People: **“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”** Colossians 4:6

Scouts: A Scout is KIND.

Leader: *Scouts are kind, and especially to those who are weak or needy.*

**People:** **“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.”** I Corinthians 13:4

**Scouts:** A Scout is OBEДИENT.

**Leader:** *Scouts obey their parents, Scoutmaster, teachers, and leaders.*

**People:** **“Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls. Honor your father and mother.”**

Hebrews 13:17 & Exodus 20:12

**Scouts:** A Scout is CHEERFUL.

**Leader:** *Scouts smile whenever they can. Their obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. They never shirk or grumble at hardships.*

**People:** **“Those with cheerful hearts have a continual feast.”**

Proverbs 15:15

**Scouts:** Scouts are THRIFTY.

**Leader:** *Scouts won't carelessly destroy property, but work faithfully wasting nothing, and making the best use of their opportunities. They save their money to pay their own way, are gracious to those in need, and helpful to worthy projects.*

**People:** **“Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much.”**

Luke 16:10

**Scouts:** A Scout is BRAVE.

**Leader:** *Scouts have the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies.*

**People:** **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, nor dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

Joshua 1:9

**Scouts:** A Scout is CLEAN.

**Leader:** *He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean support, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.*



**People:** “Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not promise deceitfully.” Psalm 24:3-4

**Scouts:** A Scout is REVERENT.

**Leader:** *Scouts are respectful toward God, faithful in their religious duties, and respectful of the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.*

**People:** “You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

**All:** Lord, write all these words upon our hearts and help us to do your will.

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This liturgy is based on the twelve points of the Boy Scout Law. The Girl Scout Law also has much in common with this litany.

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm B $\flat$ 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-  
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-  
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-  
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B $\flat$ 6 C7 F  $\frac{C}{E}$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his  
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is  
 tend-you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-  
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

F  $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  C Am B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  A  $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$  C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?  
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.  
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

# 473 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F C

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F/C C F

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

C Cdim C F/C C7 F B $\flat$  F/A F C7 F C

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F/C C F

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

# I Need Thee Every Hour

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G Am C G D G C G

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour, stay thou near by;  
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me thy will,

G/B D G/D D G D/A A7 D

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*  
 G C/G G G/D D D7 Em/D D7 D7/G G

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!

G/B C G G/B C6 G/D D7 G

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.