



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

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

March 21, 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

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People: I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes.

**People: With my lips I declare all the ordinances
of your mouth.**

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees

as much as in all riches.

**People: I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

*Hymn # 17 “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away

from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Anthem

“We Will Glorify”

By Twila Paris

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Larger Catechism Q. 49)

How did Christ humble himself in his death?

Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God’s wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

*Hymn # 446

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

*Hymn # 264

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Eli and Brylea Borbonus; Streaming, Mark Borbonus.

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

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

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. 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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET is available at the back of the sanctuary. There are daily reflections which will conclude Easter Day. We thank those from the congregation who wrote a devotion, and Kathy Bella for the cover artwork. Please help yourself to a copy.

THERE ARE SEVERAL in the congregation who have expressed interest in becoming members of the church. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Pastor Monroe or contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

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.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 28, *Palm Sunday*, 11:00 am

Thursday, April 1, *Maundy Thursday*

Worship & Communion, 7:00 pm

April 2, *Good Friday*

Sunday, April 4

Early Easter Worship, 8:30 am

Easter Day Worship, 11:00 am

**Both Services Live Streamed and In House*

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship In-House and Online |
| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Daisy Troops meet in Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 2:00 p.m. | Stitching Group |
| Palm Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship In-House and Online |

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Praise Him, shining stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord, for He is gracious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

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“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that thro' all time abide.

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Easter Flowers

Flowers are a sign of Spring and also of the Easter Season. Once again, our Deacons are offering opportunity to sign-up for an Easter flower of your choice. Use this form to place your request and to let us know how you wish the dedication to appear in the bulletin.

Please return this form to the church office by

Sunday, March 21st

Cost per lily is \$8.00 ~ Cost per tulip is \$7.50

(vendor is Cokeville Produce, 6" pot)

Payment is appreciated with the order.

Checks should be made payable to the
"Board of Deacons"

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity of Easter Flowers:

Lily _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Tulips _____ x \$7.50 = _____

Please state how you wish your dedication to appear in the bulletin.

In Memory/Honor of:

Given by: _____