



THIRD 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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March 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

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Arr. Hustad and Smith

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 19*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord  
are true and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.**

\*Hymn # 136

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

Anthem

“Be Not Afraid” Arr. Martin and Larson

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The 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 # 262

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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

\*Hymn # 261      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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

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

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS next weekend. Remember to set your clocks ahead. Spring begins soon!

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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.

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.

COATS FOR KIDS continue to be available to children in need. Please contact Janet Smith should you become aware of a need. Last year, 36 coats were distributed to children in the community. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the coat program.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

#### ***Third Sunday in Lent***

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|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:45 a.m.      | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class      |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Worship In-House and Online           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.      | Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall      |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Ministerium Meeting                   |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.      | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 11:00 a.m.     | Food Bank Distribution                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m.     | Bible Study                           |
|                  | 5:30 p.m.      | Daisy Troops Meets in Fellowship Hall |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.      | Choir Rehearsal                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m.      | Stitching Group                       |
|                  | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Girl Scout Leader Meeting             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall reserved              |

#### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

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| <b>Sunday</b> | 9:45 a.m.  | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class             |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Worship and Communion<br>In-House and Online |
|               |            | Daylight Saving Time Begins                  |

# **“Holy, Holy, Holy!”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

John Bacchus Dykes | Reginald Heber  
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## “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
That mortal judgment has on you descended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?  
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;  
I crucified you.

For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,  
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,  
Your death of anguish and your bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,  
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,  
Think on your pity and your love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.

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# “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts | Lowell Mason

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