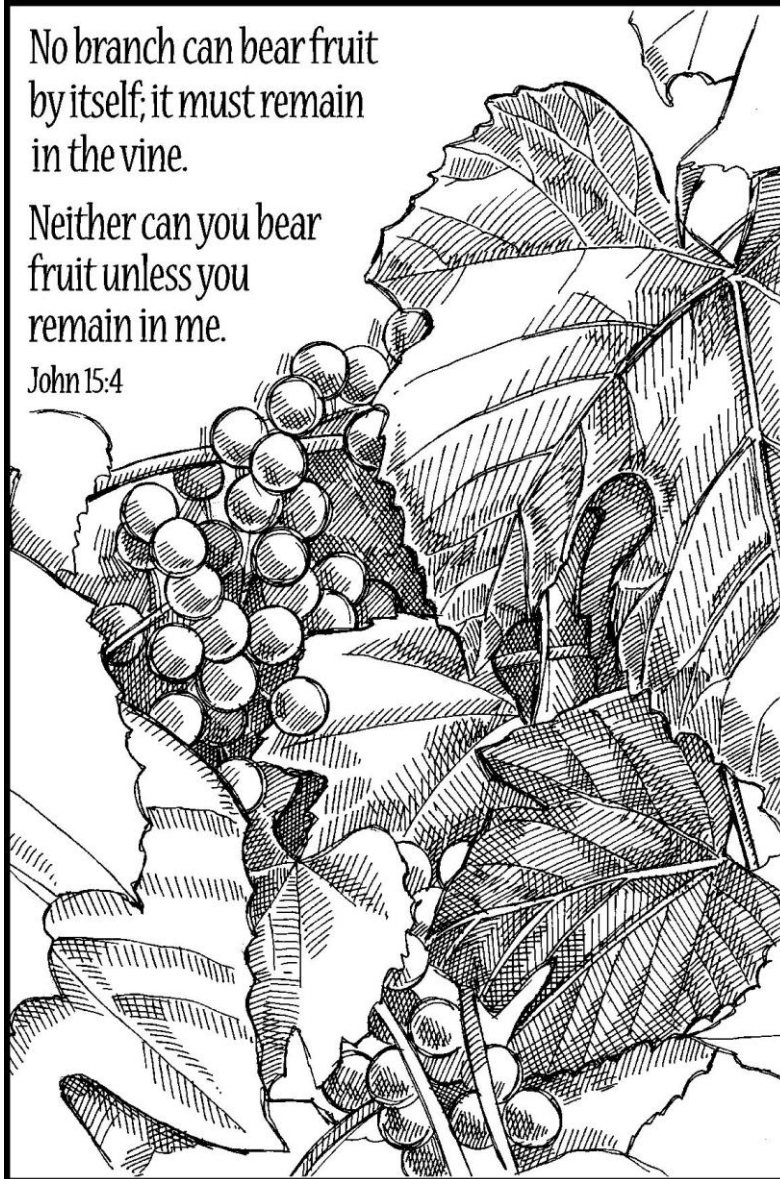


No branch can bear fruit
by itself; it must remain
in the vine.

Neither can you bear
fruit unless you
remain in me.

John 15:4



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

May 2, 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

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

By Kaiser

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 22*)

Connie Bruner, Liturgist

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who revere him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord; and all the families
of the nations shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep
in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him; future generations
will be told about the Lord, and proclaim
his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

*Hymn # 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I John 4:7-21

Anthem

“Abide with Me”

By Gaither

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Cindy Borbonus, Director - Marilyn Neal, Accompanist

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Westminster Confession of Faith)

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

*Hymn # 589

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

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

*Hymn # 393

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Connie Bruner; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Elizabeth and Abigail Bruner; Streaming, John Bruner.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents and Deb's sister by Bill and Deb Lint.

A big thank you to all who sent me happy birthday wishes! It was a wonderful surprise and I continue to receive cards. I have been truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and kindness. God has richly blessed. I appreciate each of you and God loves you and so do I!

Ruie Gressley

WE EXPRESS our sympathies to the Graham and Savage families on the recent death of Clara Savage.

WE EXPRESS our sympathies to Mary (Anzelone) Gorslene and family on the recent death of her father, Alvin Kitzmiller.

THE DEACONS will meet Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be the last meeting before our summer break. We will resume meetings in September.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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 WORSHIP COMMITTEE would like to assemble a list of elders and deacons who are comfortable serving communion. If you would be willing to volunteer to serve the sacrament, please contact Gene Artman.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months and will be back with us in September. We thank Cindy and the choir members for sharing special music for our worship services. While the choir takes a break, we would like to schedule special music for the summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing musical gifts with us, please contact Cindy Borbonus or the church office.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

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.

THIS SUMMER the Christian Education Committee is considering an online Staycation VBS program. This program is offered through The Presbyterian Outlook site we currently use for our online Sunday School program. The theme verse will be from Psalm 34:8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good!* Parent(s) along with our elementary-aged children will go on a journey exploring the places Jesus traveled and discovering the ways we can travel and share God's love while staying right in our own homes! Staycation Bible School will make your family imagine that you're at your favorite restaurant or café as you explore together five food stories of the Bible. Using stories from the Old and New Testaments you will see the ways that God provides food for the world and how God uses us to help feed a hungry world. We want to be sure you understand this program requires the parent(s) to participate with the child(ren). Please let the church office know if your family would be or would not be interested in participating.

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.



We are looking for those in the congregation who are graduating. It is our tradition to honor the accomplishments of our graduates. If you or your child will be graduating, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991 or upchurch@r-church.com.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online
		<i>Mother's Day</i>

CAMP LAMBEC is a picturesque 92-acres along Lake Erie shore with a beach. A great place for family-style seasonal camping. Paddleboats and canoes on the pond, with nearby indoor and outdoor chapels makes for a convenient and comfortable experience. Recreation hall, dining facilities, and nearby cabins add to the opportunity to this special camp facility for all sports. All staff and volunteers who work with camp programs answer the call to servant leadership, are background checked and receive extensive training. Many of our staff have years or decades of experience. They are trained and experienced in leading meaningful and age-appropriate Bible study and worship for youth. Many of our leaders work, or are pursuing careers in, education or church vocations. If you are interested in more information about summer church camps, call the church office, 724-459-7991 or pick up a brochure at the back of the sanctuary.

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Edward Hodges | Henry Van Dyke | Ludwig van Beethoven

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“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret: help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience--still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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