



I keep asking that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ...



may give you the spirit of wisdom
and revelation,
so that you may know him better.



Ephesians 1:17

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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May 16, 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

“Majesty”

By Hayford

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 68*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

**People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds -**

Leader: His name is the Lord – be exultant before him.

**People: Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.**

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

*Hymn # 317 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:6-11

Anthem

“You Are Mine” By David Haas

The Chancel Choir and Betsy Holby, Flutist

Cindy Borbonus, Director - Marilyn Neal, Accompanist

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 46 & 49)

How do you understand the words: “He ascended into heaven”?

That Christ was taken up from the earth into heaven before the eyes of his disciples and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

What benefit do we receive from Christ’s ascension into heaven?

First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a counterpledge by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.

*Hymn # 320

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!”

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

*Hymn # 318

“Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

*Benediction

*Postlude

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Austin Baker; Streaming, Chase Stuchal.

THE SESSION will meet in the sanctuary Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for their monthly meeting. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the church parlor.

THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION is Tuesday. Voting will be in Fellowship Hall all day.

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 CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months and will be back with us in September. We thank Cindy, Marilyn 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, 724-459-7991.

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

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 by phone at, 724-459-7991 or email upchurch@r-church.com.

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.

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 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 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.

IF YOU KNOW of an older adult who still needs a COVID vaccine but is having difficulty, help is available.

* A working group of agencies in Indiana County have been developing a list of individuals who are "home bound" and are in need of a COVID-19 vaccine shot. According to the PA Department of Health, each county Area Agency on Aging office is designated as the point of contact for patients to register to receive a vaccine delivered to their home. At the present time Area Agency on Aging and Visiting Nurses Association have identified approximately 35 residents on the list. If you know of anyone considered a "home bound" individual who are in need of a COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Area Agency on Aging directly to get them signed up. Their contact number is 724-349-4564. They will coordinate vaccination delivery in conjunction with IRMC to schedule the individual.

* Also, transportation is available to those who can participate in public vaccination clinics but need a ride. Transportation can be arranged through INDIGO by calling 724-465-2140.

* Finally, those individuals who are having difficulty making an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, the Area Agency on Aging can also be contacted to work with them on getting an appointment scheduled.

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	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the sanctuary Voting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troops meet in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion New Members Unite In-House and Online <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>

MAY 23 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared during worship and the Pentecost Offering will be received. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our congregation and be used to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please prayerfully consider your gifts.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

George Job Elvey | Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridges

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“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!”

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation,

Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise,

“I am with you ever more?”

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest,

Here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! hear the sinful

Cry to You from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,

Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

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“Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

Jesus comes with clouds descending;
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign!

Every eye shall then behold you
robed in awesome majesty;
those who jeered and mocked and sold you,
pierced and nailed you to the tree,
shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving,
shall their true Messiah see.

Yes, amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own.
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
everlasting Christ, come down!

Charles Wesley | Henry T. Smart
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