



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 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

“Ivory Palaces”
Organ and Piano Duet

By Henry Barraclough

Call to Worship (*Psalm 98*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

**People: He has remembered
his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**People: Let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

*Hymn # 96

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands. In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others; 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 5:1-6

Anthem

“I Choose You”

By Deborah Govenor

The Chancel Choir and Betsy Holby, Flutist

Cindy Borbonus, Director - Marilyn Neal, Accompanist

Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Westminster Confession of Faith)

All saints being united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

*Hymn # 468

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

*Hymn # 358

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

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

*Happy Mother's Day to all the women of the church
who nurture us in our faith!*

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

GRANNIES will meet Monday at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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. 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 BLAIRSVILLE ARE MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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
Mother's Day
- Monday** 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
- Tuesday** 11:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- 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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

Carl Gotthelf Glaser | Charles Wesley

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“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Adoniram Judson Gordon | William Ralph Featherstone
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“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley | John Zundel

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