

He who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus and  
bring us with you



2 Corinthians 4:14, ESV

**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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June 6, 2021 ~ 10:00 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

“The New 23rd”

Arr. Don Hustad

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 130*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

**People: But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**People: My soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

**People: It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

\*Hymn # 72

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we  
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our**

**offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-3

Special Music

“Bound for the Promised Land”

Arr. Charlie Miller

Organ and Piano Duet

New Testament Lesson

II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 57-58)*

What comfort does “the resurrection of the body” give you?

**That after this life my soul shall be immediately taken up to Christ, its Head, and that this flesh of mine, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and be conformed to the glorious body of Christ.**

What comfort does the article concerning “the life everlasting” give you?

**That, since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall possess, after this life, perfect blessedness, which no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, and thereby praise God forever.**

\*Hymn # 521

“Abide with Me”

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

\*Hymn # 522

“Shall We Gather at the River”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Elaine Jellison and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad and Dennis Gould; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

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

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins today. **The worship hour is at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months.** Our choirs and Sunday School will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Please mark your calendars.

#### PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

As you may have noticed, two trees along Walnut Street have been removed from in front of the church due to their roots lifting the sidewalk and creating tripping hazards. In the coming weeks there will be extensive concrete work done to replace lifted and broken slabs. As you come to worship, you may be redirected to use an entrance for safety reasons. If you have any questions, please see Pat Swope or Bob Cosharek.

WE WOULD like to schedule special music for the summer worship services. 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 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.

## COVID-19 WORSHIP UPDATE

Based on the May 13, 2021 report from the CDC entitled, “Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People”, the Session would like you to know:

- While we welcome the wearing of facial masks for those who prefer them, we no longer require that they be worn.
- Ribbons have been removed from the pews to increase seating options with the exception of the front right quarter of the sanctuary which will remain roped to maintain physical distancing for those who choose to.
- Offering plates will remain at the end of the center aisle.
- The Passing of the Peace will be exchanged verbally without physical contact.
- The Lord’s Supper will be shared by coming forward, while those who prefer to remain seated will be served in the pew.
- Following worship, dismissal will not be pew by pew. Rather you are free to leave at your leisure.

It is our desire that all are able to worship in an environment where they feel safe and comfortable.

The Session of The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville  
05/18/2021

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online

# “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Chorus)

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan

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# “Abide with Me”

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see:  
O Lord who changest not, abide with me.

I need your presence every passing hour;  
What but your grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like yourself, my Guide and Stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?  
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
And earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte | William Henry Monk

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# “Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Chorus

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

(Chorus)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

Robert Lowry

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