



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

“Amen”

Sung by The Ball Brothers

Abigail Bruner, signing

Call to Worship (*Psalm 89*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord says, “I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

**People: “My faithfulness and steadfast love
shall be with him; and in my name
his horn shall be exalted.”**

Leader: “Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.”

**People: “I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.”**

*Hymn # 72 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your
glory. You claim us as beloved children, but we do not honor
your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to
follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls
that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up
into a holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

II Samuel 7:1-14a

Special Music

“The River”

Sung by The Ball Brothers

Abigail Bruner, signing

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Confession of 1967)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*Hymn # 544

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

*Hymn # 549

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

“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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“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel John Stone | Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

I love your kingdom, Lord,
The house of your abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love your church, O God,
Her walls before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye,
And graven on your hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

Aaron Williams | Timothy Dwight

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