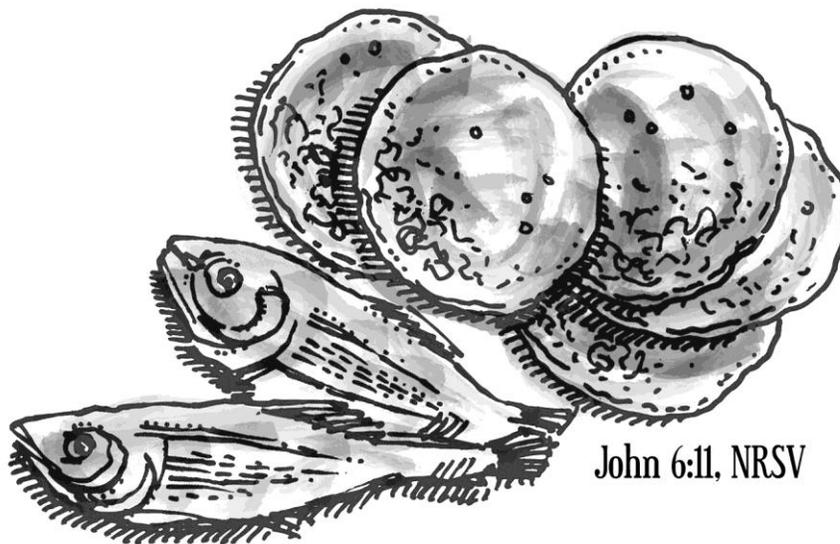

Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks,
he distributed them to those
who were seated; so also the fish,
as much as they wanted.



John 6:11, NRSV

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*“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

July 25, 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

Angela Lyons, soloist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 145*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**People: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**People: You open your hand, satisfying the desire
of every living thing.**

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

**People: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

*Hymn # 71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You
are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and
depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

Special Music

Angela Lyons, soloist

Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-21

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27-28)

What do you understand by the providence of God?

The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

*Hymn # 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("*...debts...and debtors...*")

*Hymn # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

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

WE WELCOME Angela Lyons to share special music with us this morning. She will be singing two selections: "The Old Rugged Cross/Near the Cross" and "Precious."

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, July 29th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group works on personal projects and fellowships.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will host a musical event, "Christmas in July" today at 2:30 p.m. A light reception of Christmas cookies, ice cream and punch will follow.

HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH cordially invites us to share with them in the joy of welcoming The Reverend John M. Smaligo as their new pastor. The celebration will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Hebron Church.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULED:

Today	Angela Lyons	Aug. 15	Adam Loucks
Aug. 1	Blairsville Brass & Angie Neal	Aug. 22 Aug. 29	Karen Kerin Organ/Piano Duet
Aug. 8	Organ/Piano Duet	Sept. 5	Blairsville Brass

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
Sheltering you under His wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

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“The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

The Lord my Shepherd Guards me well,
And all my wants are fed:
Amid green pastures made to lie,
Beside still waters led.
My care-worn soul grows strong and whole
When God’s true path I tread.

Though I should walk in darkest ways
Through valleys like the grace,
No evil shall I ever fear;
Your presence makes me brave.
On my behalf your rod and staff
Assure me you will save.

For me a table has been spread
Where all my foes can see;
You bathe my head with fragrant oil
To soothe and honor me.
My heart and cup are both filled up
With joyful ecstasy.

Your steadfast love will follow me
To shield me all my days
And bring me to your holy house,
Redeemed from error’s ways,
My whole life long to join the song
Of those who sing God’s praise.

Carl P. Daw, Jr. | James L. Bain | Gordon Jacob

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“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory!