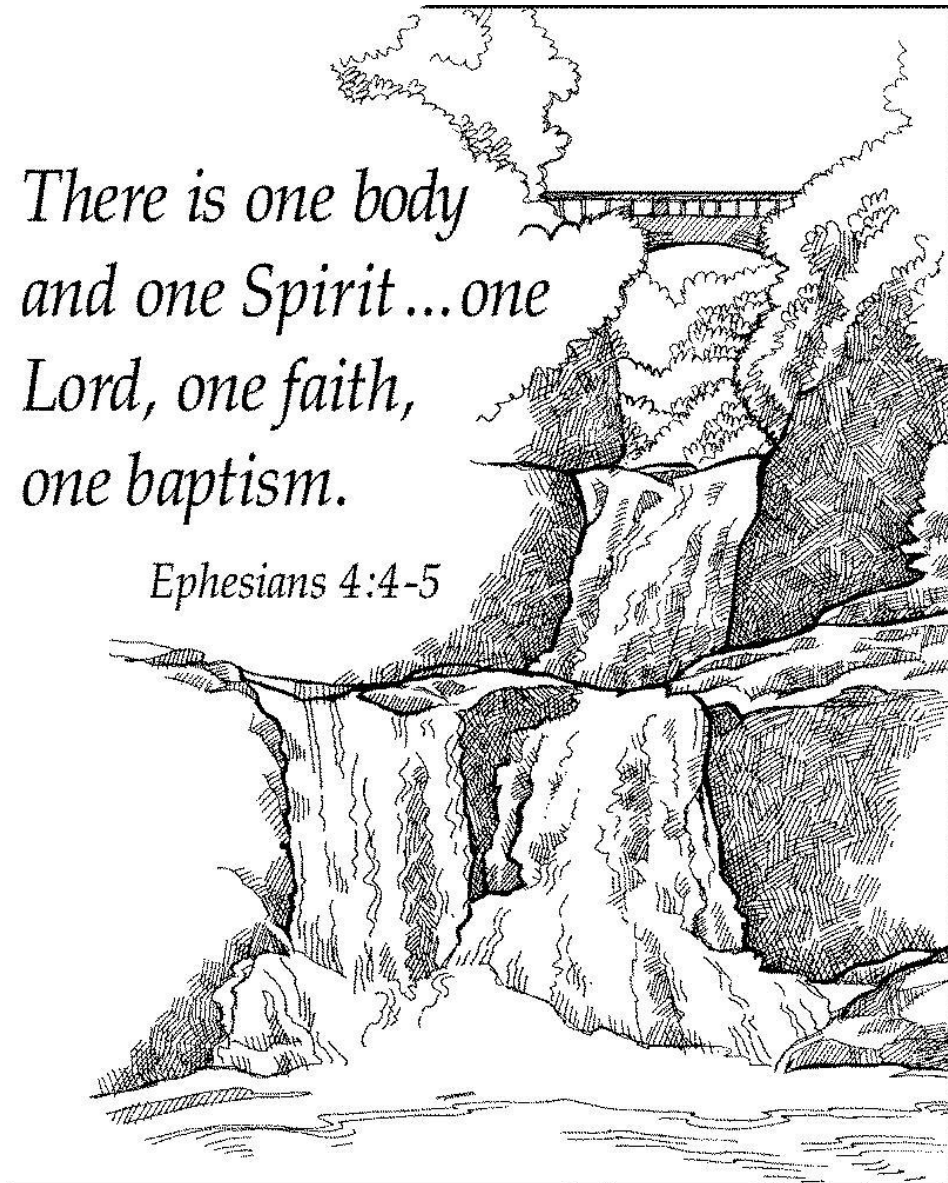


*There is one body  
and one Spirit ... one  
Lord, one faith,  
one baptism.*

*Ephesians 4:4-5*



**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 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 1, 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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Arr. by Jeff Anderson

The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Psalms 51*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

\*Hymn # 371 “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”  
The Blairsville Brass

Arr. by Jari Villanueva

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Confession of 1967)*

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church.**

Special Music "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

By Chris Tomlin

Angie Neal

\*Hymn # 580 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

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

\*Hymn # 581 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"Rondeau"

Jean Joseph Mouret

The Blairsville Brass

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group works on personal projects and fellowships. All are welcome.

#### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Thursday 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group

Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

## “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

Our Father, we have wandered  
And hidden from your face;  
In foolishness have squandered  
Your legacy of grace.  
But now, in exile dwelling,  
We rise with fear and shame,  
As, distant but compelling,  
We hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning  
The evil that we do,  
Behold us, Lord, returning  
With hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us  
And home rejoicing bring,  
In gladness there to greet us  
With calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living,  
Both banished and restored,  
Compassionate, forgiving  
And ever caring Lord,  
Grant now that our transgressing,  
Our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
In pardon and in peace.

Kevin Nichols | Hans Leo Hassler | J.S. Bach  
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# **“We Are Called to Be God’s People”**

We are called to be God's people,  
Showing by our lives His grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit,  
Sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us,  
And remade us as His own,  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants,  
Working in His world today;  
Taking His own task upon us,  
All His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons,  
Dedicate to Him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants,  
Quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets,  
Speaking for the truth and right,  
Standing firm for godly justice,  
Bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
Our high calling to fulfill,  
That the world may know the blessing  
Of the doing of God's will.

Franz Joseph Haydn | Thomas A. Jackson

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## “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber | John Zundel

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