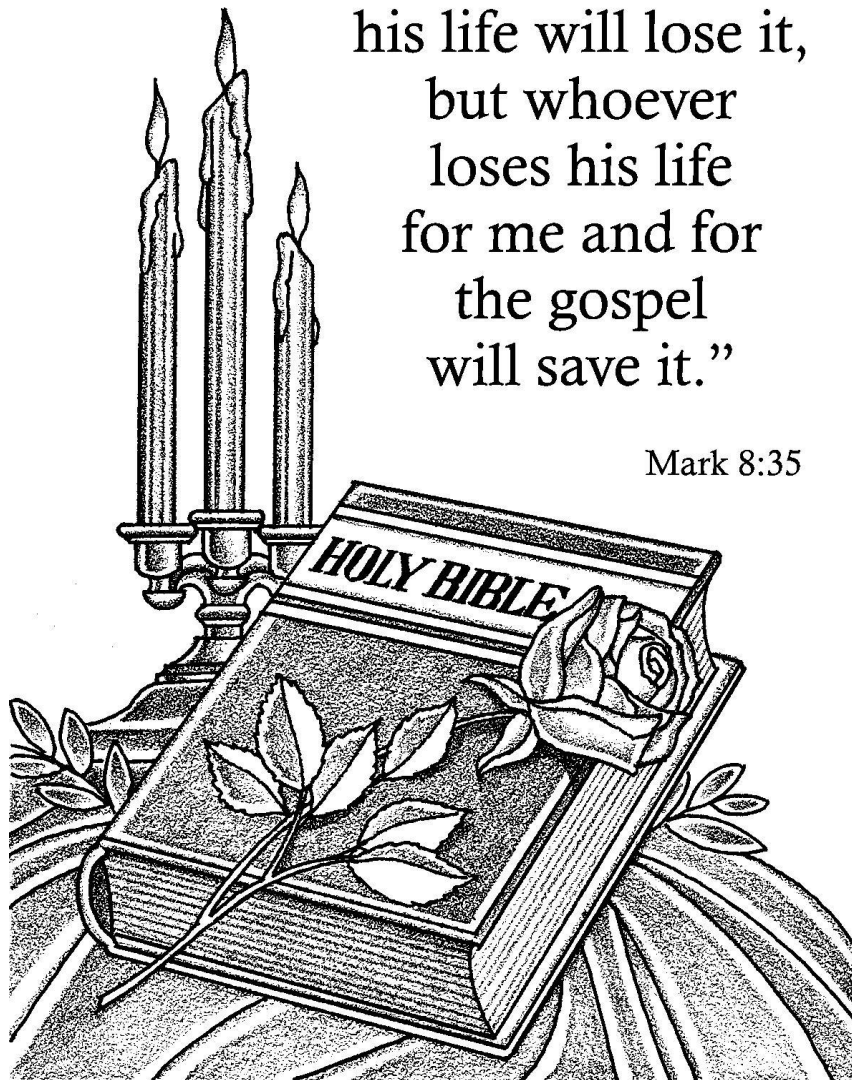


“For whoever
wants to save
his life will lose it,
but whoever
loses his life
for me and for
the gospel
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



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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September 12, 2021 ~ 11:00 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

Introit # 85

“I Love You, Lord”

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice

To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what You hear:

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 116*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**People: The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**People: For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

*Hymn # 428

“When Peace Like a River”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

James 3:1-12

Anthem

“In Memoriam”

Written in memory of those who died September 11, 2001

By Dengler

The Chancel Choir – Director, Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn # 345 “Jesus Calls Us o’re the Tumult”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 458 “O Jesus I Have Promised”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Brylea and Eli Borbonus; Streaming, Mark Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary on September 8th by Matt and Jen Borbonus.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon and Jude Church.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will gather in the parlor Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. to consider leadership for the Class of 2024.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. We are focusing on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th immediately following worship to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and the pastoral Terms of Call for 2022.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will hold rehearsal on Wednesday, September 15th, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The bell choir is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet in the parlor on Thursday, September 16th at 11:00 a.m. to review the 2022 pastoral terms of call.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group works on personal projects and fellowships. All are welcome.

USHERS are being scheduled for the remaining Sundays of this year. If you are willing to greet those coming in for worship and distribute bulletins, please consider signing up for a Sunday. A schedule of dates is available at the back of the sanctuary.

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes begin
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	ICCAP Food Bank Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

“When Peace Like a River”

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
“Even so” it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
Of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

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“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Remain forever near me, my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my Guide.
O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Arthur Henry Mann | John Ernest Bode

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