



JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

LUKE 13:10-17

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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August 21, 2022 ~ 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

“How Great Thou Art”
arr. Todd March and (ASCAP)
The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Psalm 71*)

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

**People: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,
to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Leader: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**People: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O Lord, from my youth.**

Leader: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

**People: It was you who took me from my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

*Hymn # 507

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Special Music

“Simple Gifts”

Arr. Jari Villanueva

The Blairsville Brass

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(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

“He Touched Me”

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

*Hymn # 496 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Sonata”

Anonymous (c. 1684)

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Special Music, The Blairsville Brass; Audio/Visual, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by Gene and Chery Artman.

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GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

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

COME AND JOIN us September 17th at 5:00 PM for the 200th Anniversary Catered Dinner. **RESERVATIONS will open for OUR CONGREGATION beginning MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd.** Reservations open to others beginning Monday, August 29th. Friday, September 2nd is the deadline to make your reservation. Please call Charlotte at 724-459-7991 **BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 8:00 PM.** Make your reservation together with those whom you would like to sit. Each table will have eight place settings. There will be a cost of \$5.00 per person which will confirm your reservation. Checks can be made payable to the church and mailed or dropped in the offering plate by Sunday, September 11th. The 200th Anniversary History Presentation will follow at approximately 6:15 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome, no reservations are necessary for the presentation. We hope you will make plans to come and celebrate with your church family!

THE LORD'S SUPPER was scheduled to be shared Sunday, September 11th. It has been moved one week to Sunday, September 18th to be part of our special bicentennial worship.

A CONFIRMATION CLASS is being planned. Parents, if you are interested in your child taking part, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Monroe. Watch your weekly bulletin for more information.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has ordered custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge. The ornament is in a gift box and includes a card with a brief history of the church. These will be available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Ornaments will be available in the parlor after worship today. Please see Linda George, Charlotte Cosharek or contact the church office for more information.

BIBLE STUDY will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 7th. Our study will finish the gospel of John and then move on to the book of Revelation. Mark your calendar.

SAMARITANS PURSE Operation Christmas Child is a program that provides boxes of goodies to children at Christmas. Those who wish to participate fill a shoebox with age-appropriate items and can also choose to prepare the box for a girl or a boy. For those wishing to participate, we will collect filled boxes at the church. They should be brought in by October 15th. More information will be available in the coming weeks. You can also check out their website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

INDIANA MEALS ON WHEELS currently has an opening for a supervisory position. This is a part-time, paid position Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Responsibilities include overseeing entire operation of the meal program from the preparation to delivery as well as menu planning and food/supply ordering. Candidates must be a flexible, friendly individual willing to work with a wide range of volunteers on a daily basis. In addition, a knowledge of cooking and of the Indiana Boro, White Twp. Area would be helpful. Interested persons should contact Marty at the MOW kitchen 724-463-7676.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th, we will welcome Dianna Messenger to our pulpit. Dianna will share with us how God brought her through a time of serious illness. We hope her journey will encourage others who may be going through similar experiences. Pastor Monroe will not be in the pulpit this Sunday.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who made our Open House a success. It was well received by those who visited. Old photographs will continue to be displayed in Fellowship Hall. If you haven't had a chance to see them, you're welcome to take a look. If you can identify any of the members in a confirmation class, please fill in their name on the list.

AFTER A BREAK for the summer months, our Board of Deacons will begin gathering for monthly meetings starting in September. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

MANY OF YOU enjoyed our church picnic following worship last Sunday. We thank all those who coordinated the kitchen, brought dishes to share and those who offered a hand to clean-up. The Men with Mixers Auction was a success bringing in over \$600 to be sent to Tackle Hunger. We thank all those who baked items for the auction and all those who bid and paid for the items.

I PETER 2:5 calls us to be “like living stones, built into a spiritual house....” That image of the church has been a watchword as we have moved closer to our 200th anniversary, and beyond. On Sunday, September 18th, we are asking each of you to bring a stone from your home to church. The stone should be about three inches in diameter. Once we have collected the stones, Jim Antis will use his creative gifts in making an “objet d’art” (French for art object) to be placed in the prayer garden. This is symbolic of our spiritual identity as a community of living stones. Texture, shape and color don’t matter, but we do ask that the size be about three inches or less across. You can bring one from each person in your household or one to represent the whole family.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins Sunday, September 11th. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our Chancel Choir will be back with us. Our plans for Sunday School continue to be discussed. Please watch your weekly bulletins for updates.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

Today..... Blairsville Brass
August 28..... Bob Klingensmith
September 4..... The Kerin Family

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

200TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & PRESENTATION

Saturday, September 17 ~ 5:00 PM & 6:15 PM

A catered dinner will be served for a nominal fee followed by a presentation on our first 200 years in ministry. Dinner by reservation only.

BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP & LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 18 ~ 11:00 AM

A special bicentennial worship service will be held including bagpipes, special music and the Blairsville Brass Ensemble. Following the service, a soup, sandwich and salad luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

200TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Wednesday, September 21 ~ 7:00 PM

A variety of musicians who have shared their talents with us in worship have been invited to be with us again at our 200th Anniversary Concert. All those participating will come together to form a choir to present a couple numbers. It will be a wonderful evening of praise to our God for all he's done through the years and for what he has yet to do!

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
	9:00 a.m.	Catered Dinner Reservations begin
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday		Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Dianna Messinger