

All mine
are yours,
and yours
are mine,
and I am

Glorified
in them.

JOHN 17:10, ESV

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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May 21, 2023 ~ 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

“Until Then”

Arr. Mercer

Introit

“Awesome God”

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Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love, Our God is an awesome God!

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 68*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him flee before him.

People: But let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God;

let them be jubilant with joy.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds –

his name is the Lord – be exultant before him.

Leader: Father of orphans and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

People: God gives the desolate a home to live in;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious live in a parched land.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;

and whose power is in the skies.

**People: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

*Hymn # 82 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You have offered us your Word; still we trust in worldly truths. You have offered us eternal life; still we cling to temporary things. Forgive us; give us new life! Show us the glory of your presence and the gift of your promise: the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Anthem

"You Are Mine"

Arr. Hayes

Betsy Holby, flautist

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 49)

What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a counter pledge by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.

*Hymn # 322 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Choral Amen
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Offertory
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn # 320 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”
*Benediction
*Choral Response
*Postlude

*(*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 copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* 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, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

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

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our study will continue in the book of Revelation.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The choir is currently in need of additional ringers. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE for the 2023 Senior Class of River Valley High School will be held Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Saltsburg Alliance Church will host the service.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion Pentecost Sunday, May 28th during worship. Please take time to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 4th. The worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Mark your calendars.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Doug Clayton if interested.

ALSO, volunteers are needed to usher. An usher signup sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are dates available. Our deacons thank you.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club picnic
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Bridging
	7:00 p.m.	River Valley High School Baccalaureate
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
Monday		Office Closed-Memorial Day