



**... God has  
poured out his  
love into our  
hearts by the  
Holy Spirit ...**

**Romans 5:5, NIV**

**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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June 18, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**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

“I Will Glory in the Cross”

By Dotty Rambo

Pam Irwin, Organist – Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 116*)

Mary Anzelone, 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: What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

\*Hymn # 40

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have shown us the path love takes –  
submitting to the needs of others, open to everyone, willing to  
suffer and endure. We confess that we desire a different path –  
one where our interests are protected, our comfort is  
preserved, and we decide who merits our attention. Such love  
does not resemble yours. O Suffering Servant, forgive our faint**

**efforts to follow you. Pour your love into our hearts that we might learn compassion, practice charity, and cultivate both character and hope.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Special Music

“For I Shall See Him”

Arr. Wyrzten

New Testament Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*Hymn # 261 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*Hymn # 426 "Blessed Assurance"  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

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

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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. Thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Joe and Elaine Jellison.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary by Jim and Chris Antis.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men of the church who encourage us in our faith!

THE ELDERS will gather for a Session Meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships. If you enjoy needlework, you're invited to bring a project you're working on and join the group.

IF YOU NOTICE something around the church property that needs repaired, please refer the matter to the church office. The secretary will forward the concern to the chair of the Property Committee. Thank you.

JILL will be out of the office this week. Please call before you stop to be sure someone is available.

SPECIAL MUSIC during worship is being scheduled throughout the summer months. 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.

VOLUNTEERS to assist during the worship service are always needed. There are a variety of ways you can become involved as an assistant. Call the office if interested.

*Usher/Greeter*—welcome those coming in for worship and hand them a bulletin; answer questions; and bring the offering plate forward.

*Liturgist*—assist the minister, from the pulpit, by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and reading the first scripture.

*Audio-Visual Tech*—after training, take your turn in rotation to run the sound and slides from the balcony during worship, and live-stream the service for those at home.

CHURCH PARKING – Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces. Thank you.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday**            10:00 a.m.    Worship - *Father's Day*

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall and sanctuary reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship