



**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 25, 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

Call to Worship (*Psalms 86*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

**People: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

**People: Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**People: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.  
In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.**

\*Hymn # 21 "This Is My Father's World"

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You deliver us from evil, but we continue to live in sin. You  
offer us new life, but we continue to live in fear. Forgive us;  
restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, so that we may follow you faithfully, not counting the  
cost; to the glory of your holy name.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

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 # 345

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

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 # 72

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*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. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; 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 Olaf Marx by Mary Anzelone.

THE GRANNIES will gather in Fellowship Hall Monday at 9:00 a.m. and will work until 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

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.

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.

*Dear Friends, To my parents whom I love and wish peace from God, how are you doing? My family and I are fine and thankful to God. My friends, family and I celebrated Easter well. It was good that we shared it and had fun together. I am getting ready to go back to school for term three studies which is the last term of the academic year and for me at high school. I pray to God that he helps me to study and pass the national examinations. Please keep on praying for me so that God protects us all. Thank you.*

*Samuel, Compassion Child from Rwanda*

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

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
<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>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship