



•JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000.

AND ALL ATE AND WERE  
FILLED, AND THEY TOOK  
UP WHAT WAS LEFT OVER  
OF THE BROKEN PIECES,  
TWELVE BASKETS FULL.

MATTHEW 14:20, NRSV

**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 6, 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

“Shoulders”

Arr. Mercer

Pam Irwin, Organ – Cindy Borbonus, Piano

Call to Worship (*Psalm 17*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**People: From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.**

Leader: My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.

**People: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**People: As for me,  
I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake  
I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

\*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You bless us so generously, but we deny your blessing to others.  
You provide for us so richly, but we are slow to share your gifts.**

**Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may proclaim with gratitude the great abundance of your love, to the glory of your holy name.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

Special Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”

By Horatio G. Spafford & Philip P. Bliss

Angela Lyons, soloist

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27 & 28)*

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

What advantage comes from acknowledging God’s creation and providence?

**We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.**

\*Hymn # 500

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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 # 358            "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*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, Mary Anzelone; Special Music, Mrs. Angela Lyons; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

THE ICCAP FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the Blairsville Borough.

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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office. All requests are kept confidential unless permission is given to share with others.

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.

TEAM HOPE has been meeting for the last eighteen months, discerning and dreaming together about a path forward for Kiskiminetas Presbytery. They have developed a plan and structure for the Presbytery that will meet the needs of congregations and make sure not to put undue stress on pastors. You are invited to attend one of the cluster gatherings to ask questions, get more information about the plan, and help the Team with your feedback. Members of Team Hope will be present at each gathering. Anyone who is a member of the congregation is invited to attend. Dates and locations of the gatherings are listed:

Monday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. Beechwoods Church

Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. First Church, Clarion

Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Appleby Manor Church

Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Punxsutawney Church

Please RSVP to the Presbytery Office via email at [kiski@kiskipby.org](mailto:kiski@kiskipby.org) or via phone at 724-783-7196.

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

August 6 ..... Angela Lyons

August 13..... Matthew Cyphert

August 20..... Blairsville Brass

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship