

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 27, 2016 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting John Clark Bruner

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles Austin Baker, Acolyte

Introit *"This Is the Day"* Sunday School Children

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*) Willow Weimer

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

**People: "The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

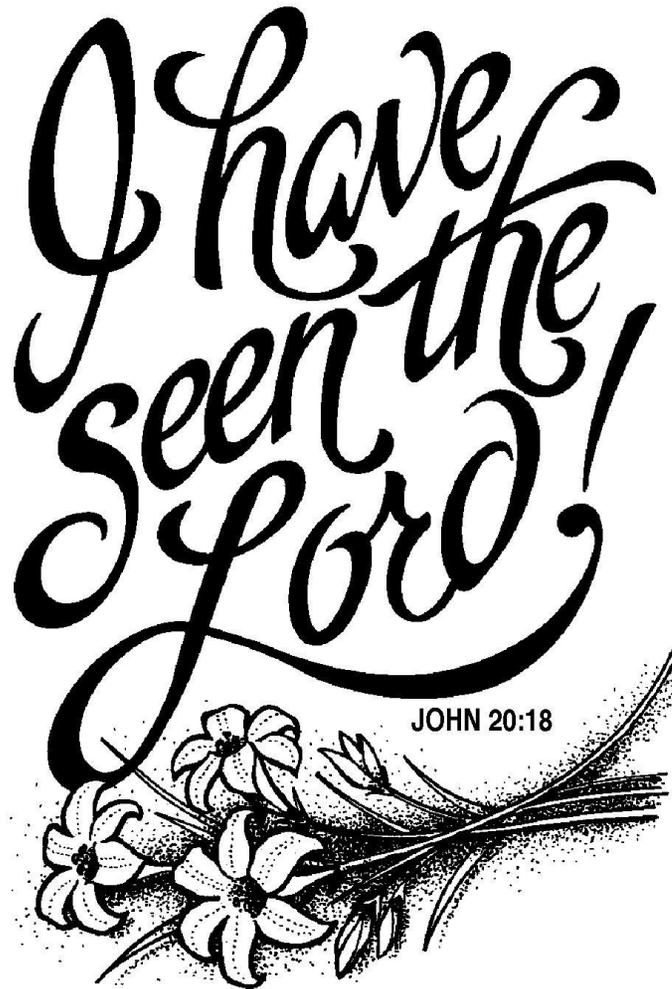
Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**All: For Christ the Lord is risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Hymn # 288 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

*Prayer of Confession Brylea Borbonus
God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have announced your new creation, but we put our hope in former things. You have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



JOHN 20:18

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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 607 of OT)
	Shakira McKinney
Anthem	<i>"You are My All in All"</i> Sunday School Children
Gospel Lesson	John 20:1-18 (pg. 114 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45)*
 What benefit do we receive from "the resurrection" of Christ?
First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

*Hymn # 300 *"In the Garden"*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors"*)
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory *"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"* Brylea Borbonus

- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 298 *"The Day of Resurrection!"*
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

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

The Worship Assistants:

- John Clark Bruner
- Austin Baker
- Willow Weimer
- Brylea Borbonus
- Shakira McKinney

Ushers:

- Brady Doak, Taylor Duffey,
- Cason Long, Danica Marsh
- Projector, Jonathan Clayton
- Organist, Marilyn Neal
- Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus

The Easter Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by many in the congregation. A dedication list is included in the bulletin. We thank the Board of Deacons for providing the opportunity to have the beauty of the flowers in worship. A special thank you goes to Naomi Sigafos and friends, for their extra efforts.