

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

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March 24, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Arr. Frances L. Callahan – Lowell Mason/Hamburg Bell Choir – Director, Vicky Westley

Words of Greeting Leader: The Lord be with you **People: And also with you.** Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *"He Died for Us"* Lighting of the Candles Introit # 281 vs. 3 *"Lamb*

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Organ & Piano Duet

"Lamb of God" I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood – my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 116*)

- 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: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.
- People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

*Hymn # 284

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. Jesus taught us how to serve, but we fail to follow his example. Jesus showed us how to love, but we fail to keep his commandment. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean in your mercy, so that we will be faithful disciples and share in the life you offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	I Corinthians 11:23-26 (pg. 173 of NT)
Anthem	"In Remembrance of Me"
Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Betsy Holby - flute	
Gospel Lesson	John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (pg. 173 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (Apostles' Creed)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory *Doxology *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation to the Lord's Table Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...") Sharing of the Bread (*Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together*) Sharing of the Cup (*Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together*) Prayer after Communion *Hymn # 260 vs. 1-2 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Recitation # 260 vs. 3-4 *Benediction *Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

- This evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.
- The worship assistants for this evening's service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Ushers, John & Mary Hileman, Kevin Smith and Tom Smith; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.
- A Community Good Friday service will be held March 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Connect Church on route 22. The minister will be the Rev. Jim Kendall.
- Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Early Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. Several of our Sunday School children will take part in the service. An Easter breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. A traditional Easter Worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. including special music from our bell and chancel choirs. All are welcome to celebrate with us!