



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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April 1, 2018 ~ 8:30 AM

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

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: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

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

**People: Christ the Lord is risen today.
Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!**

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

*Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in
fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former
things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good
news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us
witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life
you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Romans 14:7-9 (pg. 163 of NT)
Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18 (pg. 114 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy R. 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)

*Hymn # 289 *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

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 # 298 *"The Day of Resurrection"*

*Benediction
*Postlude

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

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 your 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 Jen Borbonus for her extra efforts.

The worship assistants for this morning's service are Ushers, Naomi Sigafos, Nikki Reeves, Andrea & Doug Clayton; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

Vacation Bible School plans have started and the Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. The program is scheduled for the week of June 11-15. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please call the church office.

All are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall and share breakfast together as we continue our fellowship this Resurrection Day!



Alleluia!