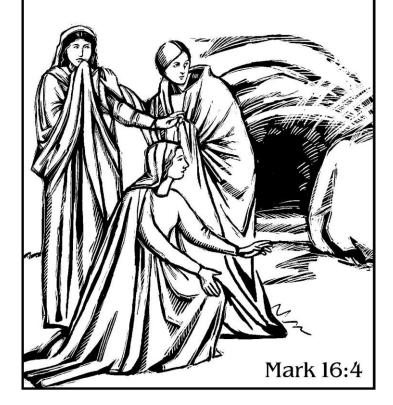
# They saw that the stone ... had already been rolled back.



### 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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# THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE April 1, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Easter Day

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"Christ the Lord Arose!"
Arr. Linda R. Lamb – Composer, Robert Lowry

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

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 Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Choral Introit "Sound the Trumpet"
Bob Cosharek, Trumpet

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
- \*Time with the Younger Saints

# DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 652 of OT)

Anthem

"Because He Lives"

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Sermon Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 54 of NT) 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 # 294,

"Christ Arose"

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
- \*Choral Response
- \*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 church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are 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; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, the Moran family; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and 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 Jen Borbonus for her extra efforts.

FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2018 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE DEACONS are collecting cleaning supplies and trash bags for the Pathway Shelter through the month of March. They can be placed in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please give your financial gifts through your church offering.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: gently used or new suitcases, body wash and men's & women's deodorant. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

USHERS ARE NEEDED each Sunday during worship. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates. For more information contact Steve Moran or Ken Doak.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been scheduled for the week of June 11-15. The Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please contact the church office.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL:

- -The Board of Deacons will meet Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm
- -The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
- -We will host a Scout District Dinner Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>
- -The Session will meet Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- -We will also host the Family Promise Program

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

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Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Day Worship		
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall		
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Worship		
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall		
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries		
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting		
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal		
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting		
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group		
Friday	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved		
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal		

11:00 a.m. Worship