



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 16, 2017 ~ 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

Piano and Organ Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalms 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: The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly"**

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

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Leader: For Christ the Lord is risen.

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

*Hymn # 288

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love
where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel
hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of
your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. May the
risen Christ enliven us to the fullness you offer and give us peace.
Amen.**

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

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 201 of NT)
Special Music	<i>“Glorious Day”</i>
	Elizabeth & John Clark Bruner
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 33 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 # 294 *"Christ Arose"*
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Offertory *"Not Any More"*
Abigail Bruner
- *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 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.

The worship assistants for this morning's service are Special Music, John Clark, Elizabeth & Abigail Bruner; Ushers, Ron & Kim McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Pianist and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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

Hosanna! 