

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 12, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

EASTER DAY

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

Hymn # 288

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Make like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb. You reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things. Forgive us; give us new life! Send us forth to share the gospel, with our words and deeds proclaiming the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

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.

Hymn # 298

"The Day of Resurrection!"

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Benediction

Postlude

