

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 19, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 16*)

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Hymn # 289

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled –

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;

Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives for evermore.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above;

There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;

Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side!

Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to forgive. We want to see Jesus' wounds, but we ignore the woundedness of others. Forgive us; give us new life! Embrace us in Christ's body so that we may embody for the world 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

I Peter 1:3-9

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.,45)

What benefit do we receive from “the resurrection” of Christ?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Hymn # 302

“He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever some may say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him he’s always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of his appearing will come at last.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

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

Benediction

Postlude
