

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 26, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WORDS OF GREETING

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

PRELUDE

Marilyn Neal, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 116*)

**I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

HYMN # 293

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse to listen. You feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for other things. Forgive us; give us new life! Lead us to repent and remember the promise of our baptism: 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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 1:17-23

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

HYMN # 300

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debt...and debtors...)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
