



"Let us
be glad
and
rejoice
in his
salvation."

ISAIAH 25:9

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 4, 2021 ~ 8:30 AM

EASTER DAY

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

Arr. by Kathleen Wissinger

Handbell Quintet

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: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

**All: For Christ the Lord is risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*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

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Special Music

“The Holy City”

By Adams

Cindy Borbonus, pianist – Marilyn Neal, organist

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

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 # 294

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

*Hymn # 298

“The Day of Resurrection”

*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual and Streaming, Jonathan and Doug Clayton.

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 your bulletin. We thank the Board of Deacons for providing the opportunity to have the beauty of the flowers in worship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety measures are followed while we meet. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

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.

THERE ARE SEVERAL in the congregation who have expressed interest in becoming members of the church. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Pastor Monroe or contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Easter Day	8:30 a.m.	Easter Worship
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Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacons meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online

“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 hath 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's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Charles Wesley | Samuel Arnold

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“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Low in the grave He lay-Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day-Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed-Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead-Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey-Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away-Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Robert Lowry

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“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 her 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 is risen,
Our joy that has no end.

Henry Thomas Smart | John Mason Neale | St. John Of Damascus

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