



“Receive the  
**Holy Spirit.**

If you forgive  
the sins of any,  
they are forgiven them;  
if you retain  
the sins of any,  
they are retained.”

John 20:22-23, NRSV

**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, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

**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

“A Quiet Place”

Arr. Hustad

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Introit

“Shout to the Lord”

# 94

**My Jesus my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.**

**All of my days I want to praise**

**The wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.**

**Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing;**

**Power and majesty, praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar**

**At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;**

**Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.**

**Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 16*)

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me  
in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**People: 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"

\*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**

Gospel Lesson		John 20:19-31
Anthem	"Because He Lives"	Arr. Gaither
New Testament Lesson		I Peter 1:3-9
Sermon		Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Shorter Catechism, Q. 37-38)*

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?  
**At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

\*Hymn # 312

“Christ Is Alive”

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 302

“He Lives”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of the anniversary of Jeff’s parents given by Jeff Lewis and Pam Irwin.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The study is on the book of Revelation. All are welcome.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for the bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in December. Please contact Charlotte or Linda between 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to make your reservation.

THE SESSION has approved the establishment of an Organ Fund to receive donations for future repairs or replacement of our pipe organ. Gifts should be made payable to the church and clearly marked in the memo line for Organ Fund.

THE BALL BROTHERS have been bearing witness to their faith in Jesus Christ around America. Now that their ministries are taking some new directions, they are engaged in their Farewell Tour. We are encouraging you to attend one of two concerts of praise being offered in our area in the coming months.

**Friday, May 12** at 7:00 p.m. in Roseville Chapel, 3598 Route 322, Brookville, PA - (814) 849-0817

**Friday, July 21** at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Baptist Church, 7154 Route 403 South, Dilltown, PA - (814) 446-5019

You can call each church for information about tickets. We pray God will continue to bless and use their ministries in creative and powerful ways.

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club meet in the sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship