

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 5, 2026 ~ 7:00 AM

Easter Sunrise Service

GATHERING IN THE STILLNESS OF DAWN

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: The night has passed; the stone has been rolled away.

P: The dawn breaks with a new hope.

L: While it was still dark, the women went to the tomb.

P: And they found that death had lost its grip.

L: Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:14-24; John 20:1-18

Message

“While It was Still Dark”

Corporate Prayer

God of resurrection power, hear our prayers this day. We pray for your church around the world, that it may proclaim hope with great joy. We pray for all who wake this morning in grief or fear or doubt, that your Light may reach them and warm their heart and soul, that you may awaken their spirits to your grace and your goodness. We pray for our community, that we may be witnesses of compassion and courage as we move about our lives. We pray for all places of conflict, that peace may rise like the dawn of a new day. We pray for those who feel heavy-burdened by illness, loneliness, or despair – roll away their stones that

entrap them. Shatter those barriers in their lives. As we have gathered today, we have our own prayers to lift up to you...Hear now our prayers as we pray in a time of silence...Finally, Mighty God, make us Easter people.

L: And so may all here in this moment join our voices
praying together the Lord's Prayer...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Song of Reflection "Because He Lives"

Hymn "Christ Arose!"

Closing Prayer

An Easter breakfast has been prepared and will be served in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to stay for a time of food and fellowship following the service. A traditional worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome!