



Joy Comes in the Morning:
Easter Sunday

7:00 AM • April 20, 2025

Blair Lake (Blair Academy Campus)

Rev. David Harvey

Assisted by Elder Bill Olivier

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Easter Sunrise Service at Blair Lake

7:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen from the depths of
Death Valley to the summit of Mt. Everest.

P: Christ is risen!

L: From the jagged walls of the Grand Canyon to the
falling waters of Niagara Falls.

P: Christ is risen!

L: From the empty tomb of Jerusalem to the Great Wall
of China: Exclaim!

P: Christ is risen!

L: From the outer reaches of the cosmos above to the
inner cells of your soul: Rejoice!

P: Christ is risen, indeed!

L: With grateful hearts and joyful praise on our lips,
let us worship God.

HYMN:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(with silent contemplation and in unison)*

God of abundant goodness and great grace, for the glorious and life-giving resurrection of your Son Jesus, we give you thanks and praise. Forgive us, O God, of our sins, especially when we grow cranky, live joylessly, and speak negatively of the many blessings of life we have received.

Awakened to the promise of Jesus' resurrection, may we experience the awesome aliveness and the wonder of Jesus' presence and the transformative power of his salvation—even as we wait patiently for the day when we inherit the heavenly prize of your eternal Kingdom; in the name the risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: Friends — hear, believe, and claim the good news of God's powerful, life transforming, joy-generating love!

P: Christ is risen! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us forgive one another.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READINGS:

Luke 24: 1–12 Jesus's followers find the tomb empty.

John 21: 4–14 Simon Peter goes fishing and finds Jesus.

EASTER MESSAGE: *Alive and Amazed* Pastor David Harvey

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15: 1–6, Colossians 1: 19–20

L: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and through which we are being saved, if we hold firmly to the message proclaimed:

P: That Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

EATING FISH

EASTER PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(using debts and debtors)*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE: *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!* (vv. 1 & 3)

***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, earth and heaven
nevermore 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.***

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

Alleluia!

***Special appreciation to our all our worship assistants.
All are welcome to join us for Easter Worship
at 10 AM in the Church Sanctuary.***



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