

March 12 - 8:30 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE Reed Musgrove

(please observe quiet time as we prepare for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Crotty

*HYMN NO. 369 *Blessed Assurance*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121:1-8

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Reed Musgrove

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

(Please put your completed communication card in the offering plate.)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16)

Offertory *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*SCRIPTURE John 3:1-11

*GLORIA PATRIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Born after Borne" Rev. Joel Harbarger

HOLY COMMUNION (see the separate insert)

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*Indicates Congregation to Stand if Able

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SPECIAL MUSIC *Now Thank We All Our God* Chancel Choir

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Children's Easter Celebration Activities:

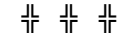
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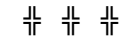
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Girlfriends in God: Group discipleship for teen girls, moms, grandmas, and female mentors to enjoy together! On Sunday nights this winter, BLAZE is offering teen girls, their friends, and any female role-models/mentors in their lives to join us for a Women's Small Group Bible study, 6:30-8:30pm weekly at Brittany's house.

Birdies for Blaze Golf Outing - Sunday, May 21st: Registration is now open! Please take an informational flyer regarding this year's event from the Welcome Center, save the date on your calendar, pray about business sponsorship opportunities, and begin gathering a 4-some for this great cause!

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