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Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

April 12, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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**PRELUDE**

Pat Crosby

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

MLEPC Families

**OPENING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Cynthia Pratt

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? 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!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Linda Pokrajac

**HYMN**

“Christ Arose”

Cynthia Pratt

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

[Chorus]

*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!

Death cannot keep His prey, Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Brant Toulouse

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

“He Lives”

Cynthia Pratt

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

[Chorus]

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.*

*He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 25:7-9

Ashley Gardner

Luke 24:36-49

Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**SERMON**

“Breaking Free”

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SONGS OF RESPONSE**

Worship Team

**“Christ is Risen from the Dead”**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

[Chorus]

*Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

O death, where is your sting  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead  
He's alive! He's alive!

**“Glorious Day” (Living He Loved Me)**

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

[Chorus]

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day  
Oh glorious day*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails from me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, o'er death He had conquered  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**POSTLUDE**

"Glorious Day" (I Ran Out of that Grave)

Worship Team

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb till I met You

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb till I met You

[Chorus]

*You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all I know  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter; I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of heaven

When I was broken You were my healing  
Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future; my eyes are open  
'Cause when You called my name  
I ran out of that grave