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MT. LEBANON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 ~ 10:00 A.M.

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**PRELUDE** "To God Be the Glory" Patricia Crosby

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Cynthia Pratt

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Leading us with mercy's hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Cynthia Pratt

Rejoice ye pure in heart;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.

[Refrain:]  
*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
Give thanks and sing.*

With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth. [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

Praise God who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore,  
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 95:1-7  
Philippians 1:1-11 Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**SERMON** "A Letter from Lockdown"

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The 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. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He shall come to judge the living 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.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

“Knowing You Jesus”

Worship Ensemble

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

[Chorus]

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and know as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness

[Chorus]

Oh to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

[Chorus]

**COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastors Linda Pokrajac and Steve Aguzzi

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.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Carolyn Poteet

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

“The Blessing”

Worship Ensemble

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace  
Amen

**POSTLUDE**

“Hymn to Joy”

Patricia Crosby