

**He Is Risen!**

***We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, cultural, traditional and unceded lands***

***of the Səl̓ílwətaʔ,  Xʷməθkwəy̓əm, & Sḵwx̱wú7meshsi,***

***Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

***Lakeview Multicultural United Church is a safe place***

***for all people to worship***

***regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation***

**Lakeview Multicultural United Church**

**Vancouver, BC**

***♦*** *Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable*

***Congregational responses are in bold***

**A Celebration of Worship**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 21st, 2019**

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 **Congregational Singing with the Praise Band**

**Announcements**

 **Lighting The Christ Candle**

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**Gathered By The Risen Christ**

 **Invitation To Worship:** *Psalm 118*

 The Lord is risen!

 **He is risen indeed**!

 This is God’s doing;

 **and it is marvellous in our eyes!**

 This is the day that God has made;

 **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** ‘Jesus Christ Is Risen Today! ***VU 155***

 **Prayer of Gathering:** *(presider)*

Resurrected One, Giver of new life and hope on our journey,

 we thank You for this amazing day and the promise that Easter

 brings. The empty tomb reminds us that nothing can defeat Your love. Let our celebration today empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release Your power. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen

 The Easter Story in Scripture: Luke 24: 1-12 *‘Empty Tomb’*

 **Time with the Young and Young at Heart:** *with special guest*

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**♦ Sharing The Peace of Christ**

Christ is risen!

**Hallelujah!**

Let us greet one another with Easter joy!

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**Musical Presentation**

 First Reading: Galatians 6: 14 *Roy Dumagpi*

♪ Gift of Music: ‘No Greater Love’ *Clavelyn Tabora*

 Second Reading: Revelation 20: 6 *Hazel Bay-Asen*

♪ Gift of Music: ‘See: What A Morning’ *Kaira Dela Cruz Nia Bentayen*

 Prayer *Rev. Val Taylor*

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** ‘Blessed Assurance’ *choir & congreg.*

***VU 337***

 **Reflecting On The Word**

 **Easter Affirmation of Faith:** *(together)*

 **I believe in the God of rainbows and resurrection,**

 **who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes,**

 **and songs in our hearts.**

 **I believe that God wants gladness to flow like a river,**

 **and so created a beautiful and bountiful earth**

 **with plenty for all to share.**

 **I believe in Jesus, who partied with outcast sinners,**

 **and touched the broken**

 **so that they could leap and dance.**

 **I believe in the Risen Christ, who brings life out of death, hope out of despair, and new possibilities**

 **in the midst of defeat and hopelessness.**

 **I believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile,**

 **who nudges us to openness and tenderness.**

 **I believe the Spirit is present with us always,**

 **and is always urging us to live joyfully**

 **and to walk hopefully.**

 **Forever I will live in the embrace of a forgiving and loving God, and by what I am and what I do,**

 **will be a witness to resurrection joy and grace. Amen**

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**Our Joyful Response**

♪ **Offertory**

♪ **Presentation of Our Gifts: *VU 958***

***Halle, halle, halle – lujah!***

***Halle, halle, halle – lujah!***

***Halle, halle, halle – lujah!***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

 **Offertory Prayer***: (together)*

 **You, O God, are our Easter joy. You are the Holy Source of resurrection. You are the dancing Spirit of Life. We offer these gifts in gratitude for hope returned, for the mystery of Your grace, and for the promise of resurrection. Amen**

 **Prayers of the People**

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** ‘We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection’ ***VU 586***

 **Easter Blessing** *(presider)*

 Easter breaks into our midst and dares us to live into new life once again. May the God of resurrection grace enable us to say

 ‘yes’ to each day as it unfolds, trusting in the One whose love will never let us go.

♪ Gift of Music: ‘Because He Lives’ *Choir*

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**Lakeview Multicultural United Church**

**Welcome to Lakeview Multicultural United Church on this Easter Sunday morning, as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. May you find here a strengthening word, caring friends, and the embracing spirit of Christ.**

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 Marissa Dela Cruz and choir

 Christine Bandayrel - offertory

Projectionist: Roy Dumagpi

Board Chairs: Joel Maranion & Hazel Bay-Asen

Announcements

1. **Thank you** to the men of the congregation, who hosted the

 Easter breakfast this morning. Special thanks to Randy

 Bentayen for coordinating this. And thank you to Marissa Dela Cruz and all who offered their gifts of music this morning.

2. Following our Easter worship this morning, there will be

 **refreshments with Easter sweets** in the gym. There will also

 be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children. Thanks to Nia

 Bentayen and Kaira Dela Cruz for organizing the event.

3. Come and get an **Easter photo** of you and your family on the

 stage at coffee time. Donations are welcome – the first

 contributions to the furniture we will need for the new

 church. Thanks especially to Rita Gapasen and Angelou Mendoza for their help with this.

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In Loving Memory ….

Cecilia And Andres (parents) by Hermie Barcia

and Cris, Mila & Sebastian (siblings)

Mr & Mrs. Patrocinio Dayao by Miriam Bentayen

 (parents)

Thank you to Rita Gapasen for coordinating the decorating of the sanctuary for Easter Sunday.





**Things I Learned From The Easter Bunny**

**\* Don't put all your eggs in one basket.**

**\* Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.**

**\* There's no such thing as too much**

 **candy.**

**\* All work and no play can make you a**

 **basket case.**

**\* Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.**

**\* Let happy thoughts multiply like**

 **rabbits.**

**\* Some body parts *should* be floppy.**

**\* Keep your paws off of other people's**

 **jelly beans.**

**\* Good things come in small packages.**

**\* The grass is always greener in someone**

 **else's basket.**

**\* To show your true colors, you have to**

 **come out of your shell.**

**\* The best things in life are still sweet**

 **and gooey.**