**Hillside UMC Sermon Prep Sheet**

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**Date: Sunday, April 20, 2014 – Easter Sunday**

**Sermon Title: Lenten Sermon Series: Lead Me to The Cross**

**Led Out of the Grave: He Called My Name!**

**Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**John 20:1-18 (NIV)** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” 3So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. 11Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” 14At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” 16Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). 17Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Call to Worship: (8:30 only) – Based on Joel 2**

Pastor: Blow the trumpet in Zion!

Sound the alarm on my holy hill!

Let all who live in the land tremble!

**People: For the day of the LORD is coming! It is close at hand!**

Pastor: Our Savior Lives! Our Savior Lives! He is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

**Basic Theme: *We have been crucified with Christ and we have been raised to new life in Christ!***

**Sermon Snapshot (Key Points): Jesus was truly dead, but conquered death so that we might live! Just as Jesus called Mary’s name in the garden, he calls each one of our names! We need only respond and receive him, then go and tell others so that they too might believe.**

**So What? Have you heard Jesus calling your name? Have you received him? What was your response? Listen! Believe! Receive!**

**Potential Songs:**

**8:30**

**10:45**