



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 23rd 2022

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Community Worship Service
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 23rd

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

Partita on "St. Denio" Austin C. Lovelace

GREETING

L: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

P: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

L: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

P: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

P: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name.

HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

***Bountiful God,
you have blessed us with so many gifts.
In this time of worship,
may we be open to receiving these gifts.
Help us claim our gifts
and use them to bring mercy, love and justice
to a hurting world.
May the words of our mouths,
and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable to you.
May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity
bind us together as your body,
that we may be your hands and feet and voice
in this, your world. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

- 8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.
- 8:2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.
- 8:3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.
- 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.
- 8:6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
- 8:8 So, they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.
- 8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.
- 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalms 19 (Please read the bold text)

- 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
- 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
- 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- 19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

12:13 For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

12:14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

12:15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

12:16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

2:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

12:18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

12:19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

12:20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

12:22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

12:23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

12:24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,

12:25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

12:26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

12:30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

12:31a But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4:14-21 (Please stand for the Gospel)

4:14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Ever present One,
you call us to be your presence,
your body in this world,
but too often we get caught up
in being a hand or a foot,
and lose sight of the overarching mission
you set before us.***

We fracture into pieces.

***We go our separate ways,
forgetting we need each other to be whole.***

***You have given us your law to be our guide,
but we turn our backs***

***on what we see as rules and restrictions,
fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.***

Help us see with new eyes,

and hear with the ears of our heart,

the liberating spirit of the law

***that strengthens and revives and enables us
to be and do all you call us to be and do.***

***O God of liberation and justice,
help us be faithful witnesses
to your law of love and unity. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The Spirit of God is upon us.

*God has called us to bring good news and assistance
to the poor, to the marginalized,
and to all who are in need anywhere.*

God's joy is our strength.

Through God we can do all things.

God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH (United Church of Australia)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.***

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,

the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work

between the time of Christ's death and resurrection

and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people,

always on the way towards a promised goal;

on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,

and we have the gift of the Spirit

in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity

of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the Church

is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God,

we will serve the world for which Christ died.

And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

***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.***

HYMN #600

Wonderful Words of Life
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<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #157

Jesus Shall Reign
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary John Travers

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Flower sign-up sheet

The new flower sign-up sheet for 2022 is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Elijah Reddick, Student Scholar Thank You e-mail

Dear LTUMC scholarship committee, Hello and I hope you had an amazing Christmas and happy New Year! I have said this many times before but again, thank you so much for your continued support, prayers, and gift ...

... motivating to know that you have an entire group of people behind you and ready to support you at the first notice; thank you so, so much LTUMC.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Friday, February 11th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Tom know if you are attending at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com.

LTUMC App for your Smart Phone & Notifications

The LTUMC app is available to download it from either the App Store or the Play Store. Search for "Lake Toxaway UMC". You do not need to a registered member of the church to download and use the app.

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PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Janet & Ed English, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Keith and Jackie Skivington, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently.

Please pray for our student scholars.

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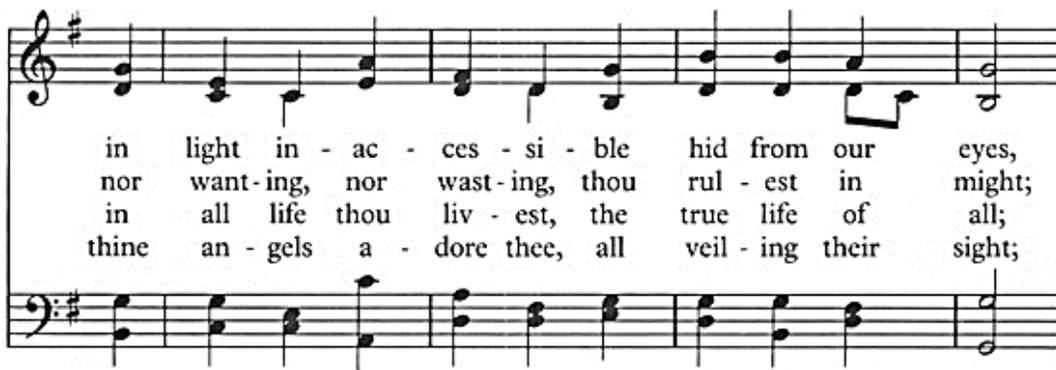
Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill

Liturgists: Bobbi & Stan Moore

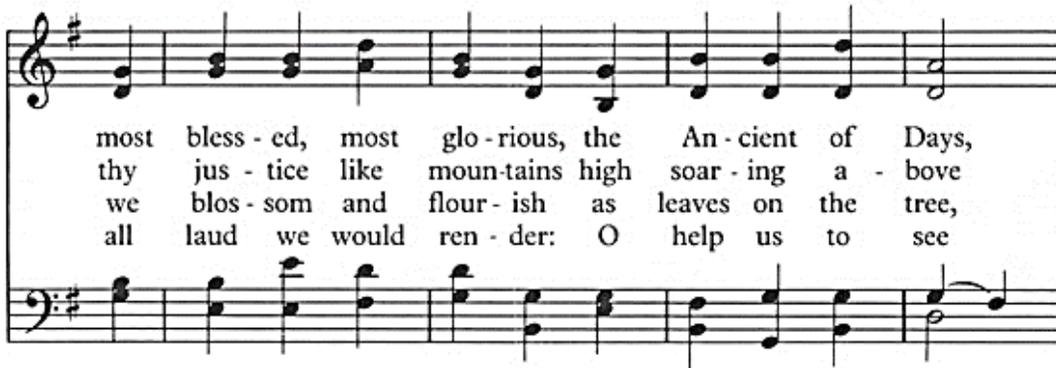
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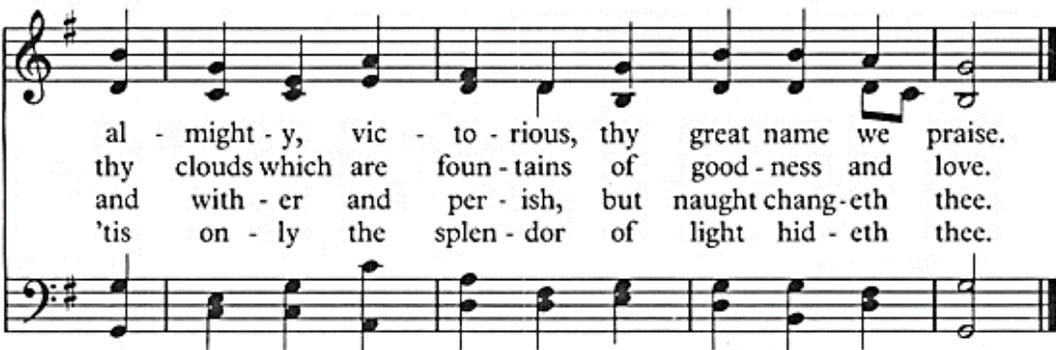
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
 2. Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
 3. Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;



let me more of their beau-ty see, won-der-ful words of life;
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won-der-ful words of life;
 of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life;



words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en.
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.



Refrain



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



WORDS: Philip P. Bliss, 1874
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

WORDS OF LIFE
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Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72)
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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