



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 16th, 2022

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Community Worship Service
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 16th

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

GREETING *(Please stand)*

We gather here to worship seeking a focus for our being.

God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.

We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can't quite name.

God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth

We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping, doubting and uncertain, frustrated, and afraid. But we are here.

God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are here; let us worship with joy.

HYMN #66 *(Please remain standing)*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 31:27-34

- 31:27 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.
- 31:28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- 31:29 In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."
- 31:30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
- 31:31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 31:34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 119:97-104 *(Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)*

- 119:97 Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.
- 119:98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**
- 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.
- 119:100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**
- 119:101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- 119:102 I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**
- 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- 119:104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (Epistle Reading)

- 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
- 3:15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
- 3:17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
- 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
- 4:2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.
- 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,
- 4:4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
- 4:5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 18:1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
- 18:2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
- 18:3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'
- 18:4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,
- 18:5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"
- 18:6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.
- 18:7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
- 18:8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

Faithful God, when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith, and with tenacity and courage, all the days of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If an unjust judge will listen to the pleas of a persistent widow, how much more will our compassionate God listen to us when we pray? God hears your prayers and answers with mercy and grace. God's answer imprints love on our very hearts. In this mercy and grace, we are given forgiveness, help, and sustenance. Receive these gifts and rejoice, for all is well.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #888 *(Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15 1-6 and Colossians 1 12-20)*
(Please stand)

Leader:

*This is the good news
which we have received
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:*

People:

***Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.***

***We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,***

*in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. 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.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, as we offer our gifts to you this day, we pray that, in our giving, we may be reconnected to the reason why we follow and the reason why we give. You called us to be disciples who make disciples. All-in – knowing who we are, who you are. And why we are following. Help us avoid that which distracts, the desire to hear the things that please us and make the road easier, but that will not bring us to the kingdom of justice, mercy, and compassion you desire for us. In Christ, we pray, our guiding light. 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 #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

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Today's Soloist

We welcome back Jacolyn Campbell as our guest soloist for this Sunday. She sings in the Presbyterian Church Choir. She has been a soloist with Brevard-Davidson River Church Choir, and the Transylvania Choral Society for many years. She makes handmade custom jewelry.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Ruth Cech, in honor of Marcus Dodson and the church family. Given by Mary Pat and Fred Martin.

Building Committee Meeting

*The Building Committee will be meeting **Thursday, October 27th at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Scott Walter if you have questions.*

Are you interested in joining LTUMC?

If you are interested in joining our church please e-mail both Marcus Dodson, our pastor at marcus61dodson@gmail.com and Saunders Grommesh our church administrator at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org with your contact information.

Announcement Deadline

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please get it to Saunders before 5:00 PM Tuesday to ensure they are printed on time.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Susie Dickman, Dale and Leigh Ashman, Jacob Jones, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Donna Parker, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Lonnie Taylor, Ted Mullett, Suzanne Forsyth, Rachel Johnson, Russ Nulph and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.

We lift up those who are actively searching for employment and pray for perseverance for them.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one. Especially for Lauren Usher (41 years old) who passed away on 10/05/2022.

Please pray for our student scholars, local students, teachers and staff.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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Soloist: Jacolyn Campbell

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66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - umphant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER
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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL