



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service – Proper 25**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](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 worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.*

***Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.***

*We worship because the Lord gives strength.*

***Even when we feel so weak.***

*We worship because we have been rescued again and again.*

***Even when we are afraid that we have lost.***

*Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.*

***We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.***

**HYMN #64 *(Please remain standing)***

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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**OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)***

***Amazing God, we come to give you thanks for everything your people have received. May we feel the joy our ancestors felt at their vindication and restoration. Open us to your call, to witness to your grace, in the words and actions of our lives. Help us pray without pride or guile, that we may receive the greatest gift of all— being in your presence forever and always. Amen.***

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS** *(Please remain seated)*

### **Joel 2:23-32**

- 2:23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
- 2:24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 2:25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
- 2:26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 2:27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 2:28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- 2:29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
- 2:30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
- 2:31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.
- 2:32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

### **Psalms 65 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)**

- 65:1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
- 65:2 O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
- 65:3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**
- 65:4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
- 65:5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**
- 65:6 By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
- 65:7 You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**
- 65:8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**65:9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**

65:10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

**65:11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

65:12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

**65:13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (Epistle Reading)**

4:6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

4:8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

4:16 At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

4:17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Luke 18:9-14 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

18:9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

18:10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

18:11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

18:12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

18:13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

18:14 I tell you; this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

***P: Thanks be to God.***

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

***We are here, O God, to worship and to pray. We are here to give you thanks for all you have given us. Forgive us when we feel a bit proud of our prayers and our actions as your people. Remake us when we look down on those who are different. Help us see all people as your beloved ones and act accordingly. Help us truly be sons and daughters of your love, who know what we are called to do no matter our age or our circumstances. Help us dream your dreams, and then live those dreams into reality as we strive to be your beloved community. When we take your gifts for granted, help us run the race you set before us, and help us work to make the world what you created it to be. This we pray in humble contrition as we seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*God hears our prayers and receives our prayers lovingly. God also receives us, just as we are, into God's loving arms, that we may feel safe and warm and cherished. God hears our hearts and loves us for it.*

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

## **HOMILY**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH #887** *(Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39) (Please stand)*

*Leader:*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

*Shall tribulation or distress,*

*or persecution or famine,*

*or nakedness or peril or sword?*

***People:***

***No,***

***In all things we are more than conquerors***

***Through the One who loved us.***

***We are sure that neither***

***death nor life,***

***nor angels, nor principalities,***

***nor things present, nor things to come,***

***nor powers, nor height, nor depth,***

***nor anything else in all creation,***

***will be able to separate us from the love of God***

***in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

***Thanks be 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.***

**HYMN #382**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY** *(Please stand)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. 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 #133**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please be seated)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the Altar are given by **Donna & Carl Shealy** to the glory of God for this beautiful season, and in memory of their parents.

### **November Covered Dish/Potluck**

Our next potluck/covered dish will be **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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.

### **Administrative Council Meeting**

The next Administrative Council meeting will be **Friday, November 11th at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to **Tom Blackstock** with 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](mailto:marcus61dodson@gmail.com) and Saunders Grommesh our church administrator at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org) with your contact information.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Please pray for 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 Dale Ashman, Sherry Minnich's brother-in-law who passed on Thursday, October 20th 2022.**

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

## **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)  
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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# 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.  
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!  
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!  
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,  
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!  
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)  
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

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# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -  
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,  
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)  
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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