



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service – Proper 26
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 30th

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*)

With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,

We wish to see Jesus.

With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

We wish to see Jesus.

With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,

We wish to see Jesus.

HYMN #66 (*Please remain standing*)

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Righteous One, hear our cries in the bitter watches of the night. We come before you with zeal in our hearts, ready to stand at our watch-posts, ready to receive the vision you promise your people. We come seeking justice for the weak, hope for the downtrodden, and healing for the afflicted. In times of trial, we yearn to see your face, and behold the glory of our salvation. Be the vision we need, that we may find the courage to persevere, that salvation may come to our homes this day, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

- 1:1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
- 1:2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
- 1:3 Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
- 1:4 So, the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
- 2:1 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- 2:2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
- 2:3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.
- 2:4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 119:137-144 *(Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)*

- 119:137 You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.
- 119:138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**
- 119:139 My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
- 119:140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.**
- 119:141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
- 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.**
- 119:143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
- 119:144 Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 *(Epistle Reading)*

- 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
- 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1:3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.
- 1:4 Therefore, we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

- 1:11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith,
1:12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19:1-10 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 19:1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it.
19:2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.
19:3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.
19:4 So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.
19:5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."
19:6 So, he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.
19:7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."
19:8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."
19:9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.
19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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.)*

O God, forgive us for those times when we stood around and watched Jesus touch others and offered negative reactions. At times, we have been self-centered wanting the attention for ourselves. Because of our judgmental behavior, we have often blocked the meetings between Jesus and others like Zacchaeus. Help us to remember that it is we who are Zacchaeus, embarrassed by our spiritual height and trying to get a glimpse of Jesus among so many tall believers. Give us faith to hear you calling our name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When all hope seemed lost, Christ came to save the weak and the outcast. When justice lagged and righteousness ebbed, Christ came to save the hopeless and despondent. Today, salvation has come to this house of worship, for in Christ, we are renewed and made whole, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The Nicene Creed – Please stand)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

HYMN #399

Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated
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OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Compassionate God, as Jesus did for Zacchaeus, you reach across the chasms that we've created, the ones where we've isolated ourselves from the redemptive power of your love. As with Zacchaeus, bridges have been built, and people who believed they were beyond your embrace have been welcomed to the table with open arms! As we give to you this day, may we also follow the example of Zacchaeus – with an explosion of gratitude and generosity – and may we also know his joy! We pray this in the name of Jesus, who invites himself to our table! 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 #398

Jesus Calls Us

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

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Please welcome Rev. Mike Holder

Rev. Mike Holder, retired elder in 2022 from the Western NC Conference of the UMC. His last appointment was Brevard FUMC. He is a graduate of Wofford College and Duke Divinity School. He is married to Kay and they have one adult daughter, Ashleigh. Mike grew up in Haywood County. He and Kay currently live in South Asheville.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar are given by **Kim & Marcus Dodson** to the glory of God.

November Covered Dish/Potluck

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

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 and Saunders Grommesh our church administrator at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org with your contact information.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jeanette Wilkes, Leigh Ashman, Susie Dickman, 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 Dave Wilkes who passed on Sunday, October 23rd and Dale Ashman, Sherry Minnich's brother-in-law, who recently passed away.

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

<i>Specific prayer requests from our LTUMC Student Scholars:</i>

I would appreciate prayers towards finishing this semester strong and with a good heart.

Praying for continued safety is the most important thing for me right now. Continued prayer is the biggest need I have!

Prayer is such a powerful thing. I would love it if you would pray for me while I figure out a career that God is calling me to do.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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Liturgists: Bob & Cathie Fussell

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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 - um - phant, 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

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

MESSIAH
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Jesus Calls Us

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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

GALILEE
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