



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Christ the King Sunday, November 20th, 2022*

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Community Worship Service – Proper 29
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**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)*

It is done.

***God has always been in charge—
yesterday and today.***

***Even when things seem out of control,
God’s reign is on its way.
Let us prepare the way for God.***

HYMN #694 *(Please remain standing)*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Tender Shepherd, you gather us here to dwell in your love and grace. You comfort and guide us. You heal and redeem us. As we sing your songs of praise, send your light into our lives. As we commit ourselves to the ways of Christ, our guide, ruler, and savior, bless us with your presence. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please remain seated)*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

- 23:1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
- 23:2 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
- 23:3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- 23:4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
- 23:5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalms 46 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 46:2 Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 46:3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah**
- 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 46:5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**
- 46:6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 46:7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah**
- 46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 46:9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**
- 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
- 46:11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah**

Colossians 1:11-20 (Epistle Reading)

- 1:11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
- 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
- 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
- 1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.
- 1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
- 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
- 1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23:33-43 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 23:33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
- 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
- 23:35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"
- 23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
- 23:37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- 23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
- 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- 23:40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

23:41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.)*

Jesus Christ, Son of God, forgive the time we have forgotten you: the times we have turned away from you, the times we have laughed at you, the times we have ignored you and the needs of our brothers and sisters. Bring us close once more, that we might dwell in your redeeming love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, rejoice, for Christ's love and forgiveness is for you! Amen.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(United Church of Australia – Please stand)*

***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.***

HYMN #157

Jesus Shall Reign

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OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On
Calvary's cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule, what
it meant to be a king. In his life, teaching and interacting with people, Jesus
redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we in this
season live and give in a way that reflects the reign over us and the one who
lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, 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 #715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

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Outreach partner updates:

*The Outreach Committee purchased infant and toddler clothes, coats, shoes and slippers for the little ones at the **Women's Center**.*

*The Outreach Committee delivered a combined total of 92 pies & gift cards to **North Toxaway Baptist Church** and **Gods Way Food Pantry**. The gift cards to Ingles can purchase turkeys and other ingredients to make Thanksgiving meals.*

*The following was handed out at **Gods Way Food Pantry** distribution last Saturday, November 12th to those in our community:*

"Happy Thanksgiving!

The special holiday meal additions are provided by Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church and Lake Toxaway Charities. In addition, we are regularly supported by the following organizations who help make what we do possible. Please pray for those who help support food needs in our communities."

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Kevin & Elizabeth Dice, Marilyn Ellyson, Jeanette Wilkes, Leigh Ashman, Judy Lefler, Susie Dickman, Jacob Jones, Dee Seropian, 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 Bruce Dice, Kevin Dice's father who passed away on 11-8-22.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars traveling home for Thanksgiving, our local students, teachers and staff.

We are praying for all of you who were impacted by Hurricane Nicole.

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694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt. (Mk. 4:26-29; Mt. 13:36-43)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
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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

DUKE STREET
LM

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

715

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,

mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;

re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1746 (1 Cor. 15:51-52)
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, all.

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