



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 13th 2022

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Community Worship Service
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 13th

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

Prelude on “Be Thou My Vision” Dale Wood

GREETING

L: Rejoice, for the power of God has come—

P: The same transforming power encountered in the risen Christ:

L: Promising to the poor the realm of heaven;

P: Promising to the hungry a time of satisfaction;

L: Promising to the weeping a life of happiness;

P: Promising to the reviled the gift of acceptance.

A: Rejoice, O people of God, the transforming power of Christ is here!

HYMN #715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

O Christ, whom even crucifixion could not separate from either the love or the power of God, bless us, the members of your body, with the guidance of your spirit, that we might seek God with your singleness of mind, see God with your clarity of understanding, and worship God with your purity of heart. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10

- 17:5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
- 17:6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
- 17:7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
- 17:8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
- 17:9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it?
- 17:10 I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalms 1 (Please read the bold text)

- 1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
- 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 1:5 Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

- 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 15:13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;
- 15:14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.
- 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
- 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.
- 15:17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
- 15:18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.
- 15:19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- 15:20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6:17-26 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 6:17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.
- 6:18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.
- 6:19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.
- 6:20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 6:21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- 6:22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
- 6:23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
- 6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- 6:25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
- 6:26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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.)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our sin and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor:

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #884 (Korean Methodist Church)

***We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.***

***We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.***

***We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.***

***We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.***

***We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,***

where we are all brothers and sisters.

***We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. 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.

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OFFERTORY

Meditation on "The Call" Douglas E. Wagner

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sovereign God, we give our tithes and gifts this day, knowing that you are deserving of the best we have to offer. The tithe in scripture we are called to give is to be our first fruits – not what is leftover. Yet in his writing, Paul reminds us that Christ was, in fact, the first fruits in your new covenant of salvation for each of us! May we live as an offering worthy of this great gift. We pray this in is Christ's name! 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 #732

Come, We That Love the Lord

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Hal H. Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Dinner & Ash Wednesday service

March 2nd, Ash Wednesday we will have a **Fellowship dinner at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall with an **Ash Wednesday service with ashes being distributed afterwards around 7:00 PM.**

Monthly Fellowship dinners

We will have monthly fellowship dinners in the Fellowship Hall the first Wednesday of the month for **March 2nd, April 6th and May 4th at 6:00 PM.**

Lenten devotionals

We are asking the congregation to write a Lenten devotional like we did last year and will need **40 volunteers.** This will be coordinated by Scott Walter, one of our lay directors if you have any questions, please reach out to Scott at scotlaw@aol.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jacob Jones, the nephew of John and Char Holbrook, Clyde Biddle, Janet & Ed English, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, 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. Especially for Jackie Skivington and her family with Keith Skivington's recent death.

Please pray for our student scholars.

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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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, alt.

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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Come, We That Love the Lord

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1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery

joys be known; join in a song with
 knew our God; but chil - dren of the
 sa - cred sweets be - fore we reach the
 tear be dry; we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
 heaven - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

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