



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, February 20th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
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**RINGING OF THE BELL** – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

**PRELUDE**

Blest Be the Tie     arr. Robert J. Powell

**GREETING**

*Come and learn the ways of life.*

***We have come to follow Jesus.***

*Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.*

***We have come to follow Jesus.***

*Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.*

***We have come to follow Jesus.***

*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

***We have come to follow Jesus.***

*Come and learn the ways of life.*

**HYMN #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

***Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Genesis 45:3-11, 15

- 45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.
- 45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.
- 45:5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.
- 45:6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.
- 45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.
- 45:8 So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
- 45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.
- 45:10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.
- 45:11 I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'
- 45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

### Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 (Please read the bold text)

- 37:1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
37:2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
- 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**
- 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.**
- 37:6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- 37:7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**
- 37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.
- 37:9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**
- 37:10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

**37:11 But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

37:39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**37:40 The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

15:35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

15:36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

15:37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

15:38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

15:42 So, it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

15:44 It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

15:45 Thus, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

15:48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

15:50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**Luke 6:27-38 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 6:27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  
6:29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.  
6:30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.  
6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.  
6:33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.  
6:34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.  
6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.  
6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.  
6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;  
6:38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*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 and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

***And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### ***Pastor:***

*Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

## **HOMILY**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (Nicene Prayer)**

***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, one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,***

***he suffered, died, and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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 worshipped 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.***

**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 #129**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears  
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**OFFERTORY**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian arr. Gilbert Martin

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Holy God of light and life that overcomes darkness and death: as we offer our tithes and offerings to you this morning, we pray that we may give the confidence and assurance of those fully convinced in our promise of Resurrection! Help us to experience our generosity as those who have no need to hold back or hedge our bets. May we live our days giving freely with love and grace, not as those who have the hope of salvation, but the promise! In 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 #557**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune Douglas E. Wagner

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scotlaw@aol.com) or Saunders at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org).

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Please pray for La'Bruce & Suzanne Hanahan, Laura Whitehurst's parents, Chuck Pues, 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.**

**Please pray for our student scholars.**

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Liturgist: Carole Guffey

# 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, There is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove Join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed, Thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

FAITHFULNESS

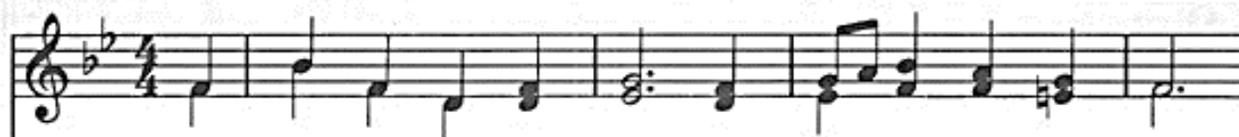
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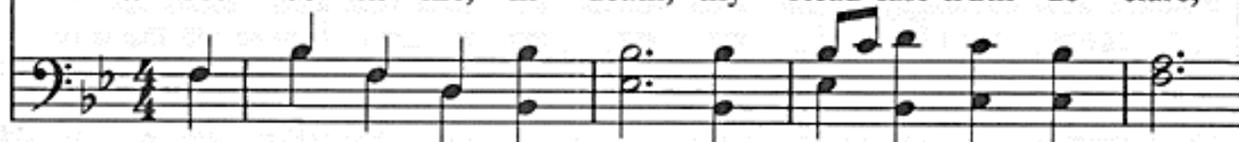
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# Give to the Winds Thy Fears

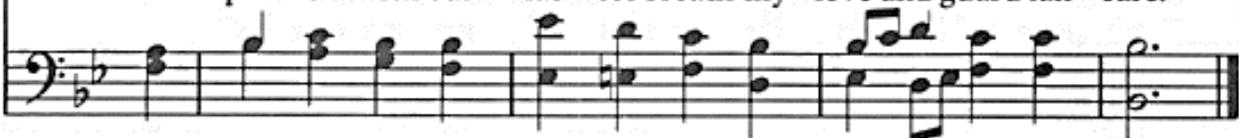
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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
3. Leave to God's sov-ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead-fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.  
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy-ous day.  
so shalt thou, won-dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.  
and pub-lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard-ian care.



WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG  
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# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782  
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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