



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Transfiguration Sunday, February 27th**

**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**

Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus      Richard Peek

**GREETING**

*L: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.*

***P: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.***

*L: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.*

***P: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.***

*L: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.*

***P: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.***

**HYMN #89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

***Holy God, bring us to your mountaintop. We come to talk with you today. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory— a glory that can transform our lives. May Jesus, your Son and your chosen one, and may the Spirit of freedom and glory, shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Psalm 99 (Please read the bold text)**

- 99:1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- 99:2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**
- 99:4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 99:5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**
- 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 99:7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**
- 99:8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 99:9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.**

### **Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a) (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.
- 9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- 9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
- 9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- 9:32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.
- 9:33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - - not knowing what he said.
- 9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
- 9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"
- 9:36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.
- 9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.
- 9:38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

- 9:39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.
- 9:40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."
- 9:41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."
- 9:42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
- 9:43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*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 of the Transfiguration, we want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with You and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife, where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***Pastor:***

*Our sovereign God answers our failings with forgiveness and renewal. We are all being transformed, day by day, from one degree of glory to another. Let us praise God's great and awesome name!*

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

### **HOMILY**

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 (*The Apostles' Creed*)**

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and 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.***

## **HYMN #395**

Take Time to be Holy  
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## **OFFERING**

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

## **OFFERTORY**

Meditation Robert Hebble

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Transforming God, we come to your altar this morning, knowing that in our  
giving and in our living, we have often put "just enough" into living our faith  
so as not to impact our lifestyle or cause too much discomfort. We have been  
reluctant to let go of our affinity for the things of this world; and in our  
attachments, we have often missed the opportunity for the transformed lives  
you desire for us. May our offering this morning be an invitation to living a  
life radically transformed by your power, love, and grace. We pray this in the  
mighty love of Jesus. 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 #384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
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### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata in A Minor Johann Kobrich

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Please Welcome Pastor Sabrina Tu**

*Thank you, Pastor Sabrina Tu, for celebrating today's service with us! She has been here in the past and if you have not heard her sermon, you are in for a treat.*

*Here is Pastor Sabrina Tu's full bio:*

*"My family and I immigrated to the United States in 1978 from Vietnam. We left our beloved country because of religious persecution and oppression. As a child, I experienced firsthand the evil and suffering that war brings. We escaped Vietnam in a small boat with 46 others refugees. We are "boat people" and we are Christians. I am a third generation Christian. My maternal grandparents accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior when Christianity was first introduced to Vietnam back in 1911. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior in 1981 at a Billy Graham Crusade in Boston, Massachusetts. My calling to the ministry started when I was on that little boat escaping from Vietnam. During that time out at sea, I became very dehydrated and was very sick. I was eight years old. I can recall my mother praying for my healing and asking me to pray. Even though this occurred over 30 years ago, I can still vividly recall that I prayed "God, if you spare my life, I promise I will serve you the rest of my life." I believe God spared me and has a special purpose for my life. Throughout my years of elementary, junior and high school, God continued to put a passion in my heart in serving Him. After high school, I attended Southeastern University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry in 1991.*

*In 1999, I joined the United Methodist Church and continued my pursuit of a higher education. I graduated with a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2007. I am very passionate about preaching and reaching people for the Kingdom of God. I am a visionary and a self-starter. I am not afraid of taking appropriate risks or stepping out of my comfort zone in order to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. As you read these words, I am entering my eleventh year as pastor of Community United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Florida."*

### **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.**

### **Coffee Hour Resumes**

We are starting Coffee Hour again next Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to meet old new friends over a cup of coffee and to read the thank you notes from our student scholars from the agencies we support through our Outreach. Please sign-up for a Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. We ask you bring enough food for ~30 people. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017 or [nsalyer331@aol.com](mailto:nsalyer331@aol.com)**

### **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). The Lenten devotionals will be available here for you to read at your leisure.

<https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/communications/lenten-devotionals-2022>

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Please pray for Don Guffey, 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.**

## **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

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Liturgist: Beth Holimon

## 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.  
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;  
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;  
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,  
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.  
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.  
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.  
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,  
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;  
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,  
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.  
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.  
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

## 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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