



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 28th 2022

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Community Worship Service
Third Sunday in Lent, March 20th

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

Wondrous Love arr. David N. Johnson

GREETING

L: A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.

P: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.

L: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

P: How we have longed for joy and love!

L: God continually blesses and heals us.

P: Praise be to God for God's steadfast love. AMEN.

HYMN #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9

- 55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 55:4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 55:5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- 55:7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8 (Please read the bold text)

- 63:1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 63:2 So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**
- 63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- 63:4 So, I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**
- 63:5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
- 63:6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**
- 63:7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- 63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- 10:1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
- 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
- 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
- 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

- 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.
- 10:7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."
- 10:8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
- 10:9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.
- 10:10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 10:11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- 10:12 So, if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.
- 10:13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13:1-9 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 13:1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 13:2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"
- 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.
- 13:4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?"
- 13:5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."
- 13:6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.
- 13:7 So, he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still, I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'
- 13:8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.
- 13:9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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.)*

Dear Lord, this is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor:

You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. AMEN.

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 #430

O Mater, Let Me Walk with Thee
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OFFERTORY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. Marianne Kim

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. 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 #127

Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A minor Johann Krebs

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Flowers on the Altar

The azalea plant on the altar was donated by the Klines and Shoemakers in honor of their wedding anniversaries.

Lenten Devotionals

*Thank you to everyone who has written a devotional for our Lenten 2022 journey; you have added a wonderful component. We are still very short on devotionals. Please discern and send your devotional to **Scott Walter at scotlaw@aol.com**. The Lenten devotionals will be available in three locations for you to read at your leisure; our website: <https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/lenten-devotionals-2022>, on our LTUMC app and on our Facebook page.*

NEW LTUMC Magnetic Name Badges

*Thank you to Debbie Werrbach for wearing her UMC name badge and sharing the information with LTUMC. With Covid-19 and new homeowners in the area we are excited to see everyone. LTUMC will be ordering magnetic name badges we will leave at the church. This will not damage your clothes. However, if you have a medical device impacted by a strong magnet, we can order a different backing. **Please send your preferred first and last name you go by to Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org**. We need to get a minimum of names before an order can be placed. We would like to have these ready for everyone in early June 2022. **This is available to anyone attending LTUMC and you do not need to be a formal member.***

Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after the service

*Please stop in the Fellowship Hall to meet new old friends over a cup of coffee. If you want to sign-up to bring something, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. We ask you bring enough food for ~35 people. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017 or nsalyer331@aol.com***

Monthly Fellowship Cover Dish/Potluck Dinners

*The first fellowship dinner on Ash Wednesday was a wonderful time had by all. We will have monthly fellowship dinners in the Fellowship Hall the first Wednesday of the month for **April 6th and May 4th at 6:00 PM**. We will then switch to the **first Tuesday of the month for June 7th, July 5th, August 2 and September 6th at 6:00 PM**.*

Mask Policy Update

Our LTUMC mask policy from the Worship Committee as of 3-1-2022

- We welcome all to worship our Lord and Savior.*
- Wearing masks in the sanctuary and fellowship hall are not required.*
- We remain committed to the Wesleyan call "to do no harm," and ask you to stay at home and worship virtually with us if you do not feel well.*

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Dale and Leigh Ashman, Sherry Minnich's brother-in-law and sister, La'Bruce & Suzanne Hanahan, Laura Whitehurst's parents, 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, 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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Liturgists: Bobbi & Stan Moore

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!

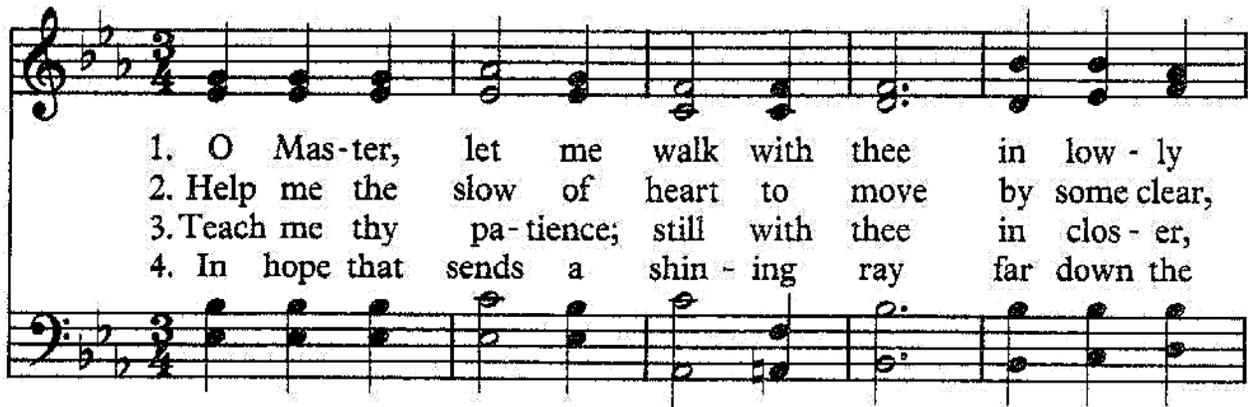
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

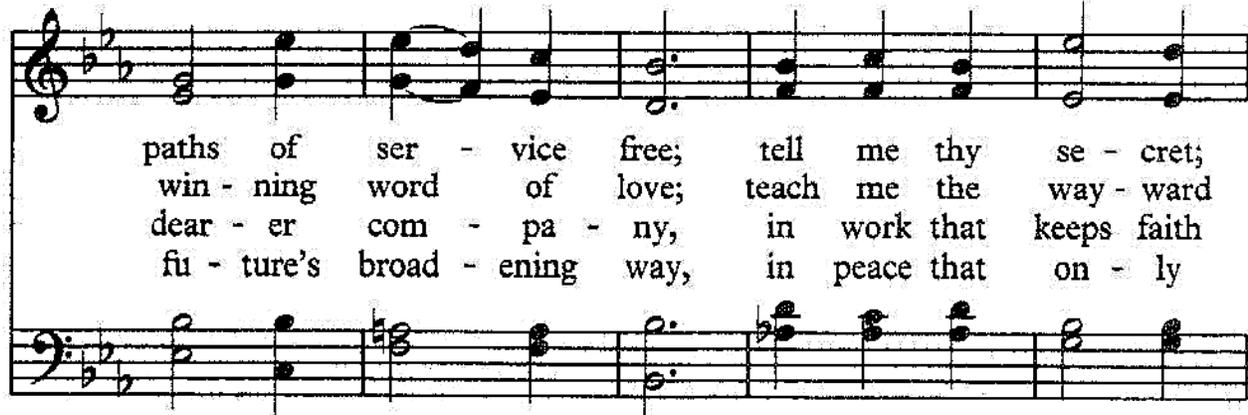
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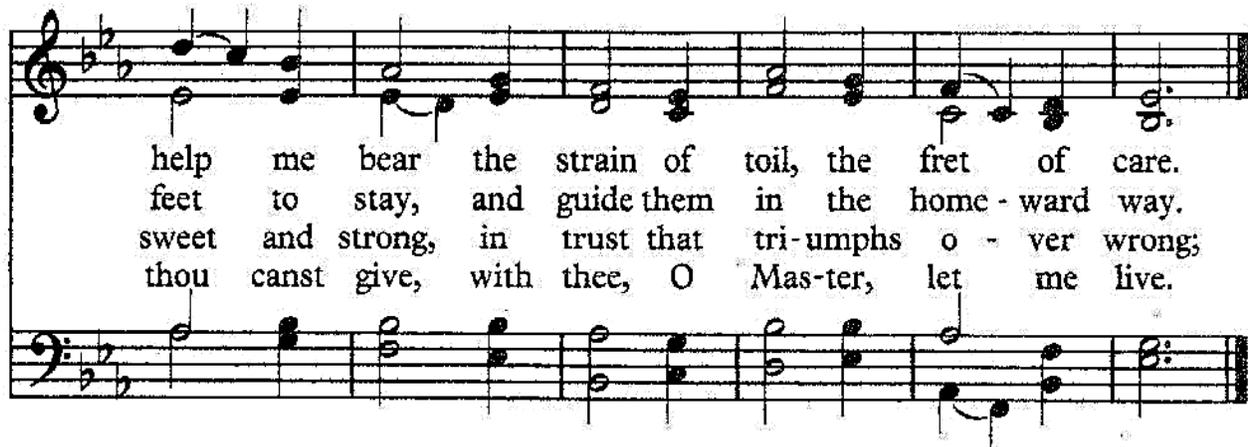
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430



1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

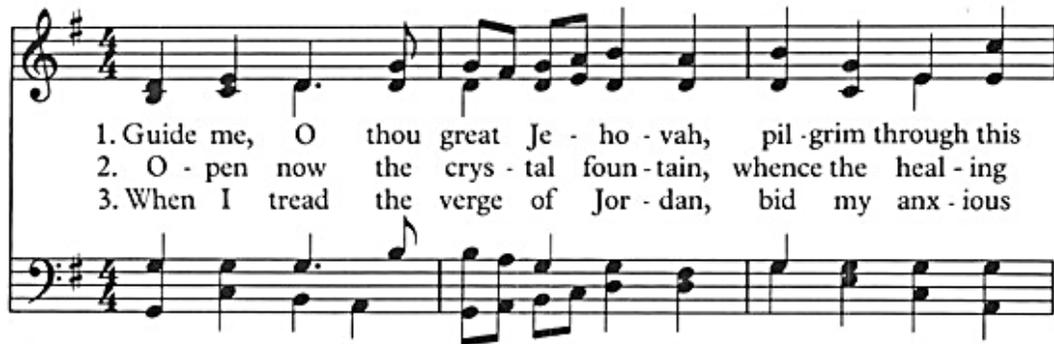


help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

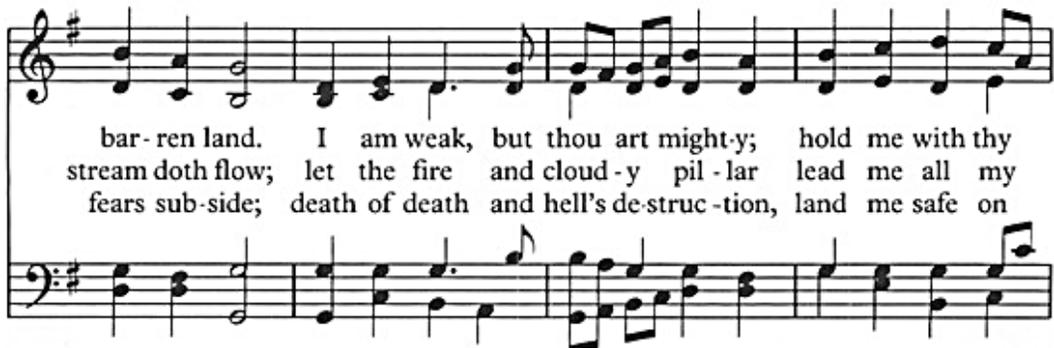
WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON
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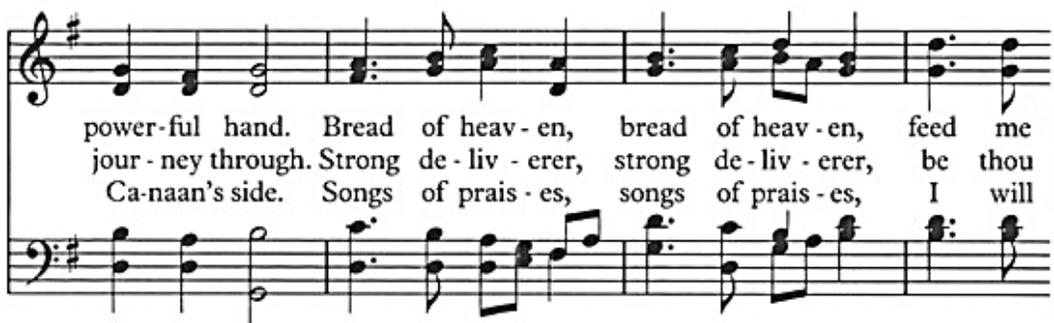
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and
 the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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