



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 17, 2022

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Easter Sunday, April 17th

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

Jesus Christ is Risen Today arr. Dallas Blair

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many worries and too little faith.

On this Easter morning, we hear the saints saying, "Mary don't you weep!"

This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too much criticism and too little affirmation.

Today, Martha, don't you moan!

This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many questions and too few answers.

This is Easter morning: dry your tears and shout for joy! Jesus is not dead. He is Alive! God has conquered death and Jesus has canceled sin. This is, indeed, a new day! Leap for joy!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

God of new life and new possibilities, we gather to sing our songs of gladness and to share your steadfast love. Some of us come from the shadows of our lives, as we anticipate the light. Some of us come eager to learn, but are unsure of what it all means. Some of us come in grief, grateful to discover hope. Wherever we have come from, may we all find you, the risen Christ, the one who conquered death and proclaims new life for all. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

- 10:34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
10:35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.
10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
10:39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
10:41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Please read the bold text)

- 118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**
118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
118:15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
118:17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

- 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.
- 15:21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
- 15:22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 15:24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
- 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

John 20:1-18 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 20:2 So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
- 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- 20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- 20:12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

- 20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
- 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
- 20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.)

Holy One, we are tired and a little terrified. We do not understand the confusing world around us. It is easier to live in the darkness than to walk toward the light. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, we are witnesses to the resurrection story. As witnesses, may we find hope in Christ and be assured of God's grace, forgiveness, and steadfast love. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia

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 #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices
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OFFERTORY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Charles Callahan

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God of Resurrection Power: You offer us life that overcomes death, light that overcomes darkness, hope that overcomes our deepest despair! What response could we offer? Our tithes and gifts, yes; but our minds, hearts, bodies, and witness as well. May our minds be about understanding who you are and who you long for us to be in this world. May our hearts overflow with your love and compassion for the poor, the oppressed, and the forgotten. May our bodies carry us out of the tombs of isolation to engage our neighbors as sisters and brothers. May our witness be the "Alleluias!" we take with us to bring hope to everyone we meet! In the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #322

Up from the Grave He Arose
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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 #308

Thine Be the Glory
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BENEDICTION

*We believe in the God of Easter morning
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams
And leads us into the light of a new day,
Who meets our pessimism
With stunning hope
Of angelic proclamation.*

*We believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us
On our detours.*

*We believe in the God of Easter evening
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us
with wounds on his hands and feet;
Who grants us his spirit,
Sending us out
To bring Shalom to the world.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune John Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Don & Carole Guffey in loving memory of Ruth Cech.

Guest Musician

We welcome Joseph DeLage as our guest musician today. He is a trumpet student at Western Carolina University.

Lenten Devotionals

Thank you to everyone who wrote a devotional(s) for our Lenten 2022 journey. Thank you to Scott Walter for his editing work.

Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after our Service today

*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. If you have questions, please reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017 or nsalyer331@aol.com***

NEW LTUMC Magnetic Name Badges

*LTUMC will be ordering magnetic name badges. This is available to anyone attending LTUMC and you do not need to be a formal member. 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**. If you have already sent Saunders an email and she replied confirming there is no need to resend.*

Monthly Fellowship Covered Dish/Potluck Dinners

*Our next Covered Dish dinner will be **Wednesday, 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**.*

Support for Ukraine

*If you are interested in learning more about how LTUMC's Outreach committee is supporting Ukraine and how you can support individually please reach out to **Fred Markert**, the Outreach Committee Chair at **fredmarkert47@gmail.com**.*

Announcement Deadline Reminder

Please submit your announcements to Saunders by Tuesday at 5:00 PM in order to meet our print deadline.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, 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, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, 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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Liturgist: Carole Guffey

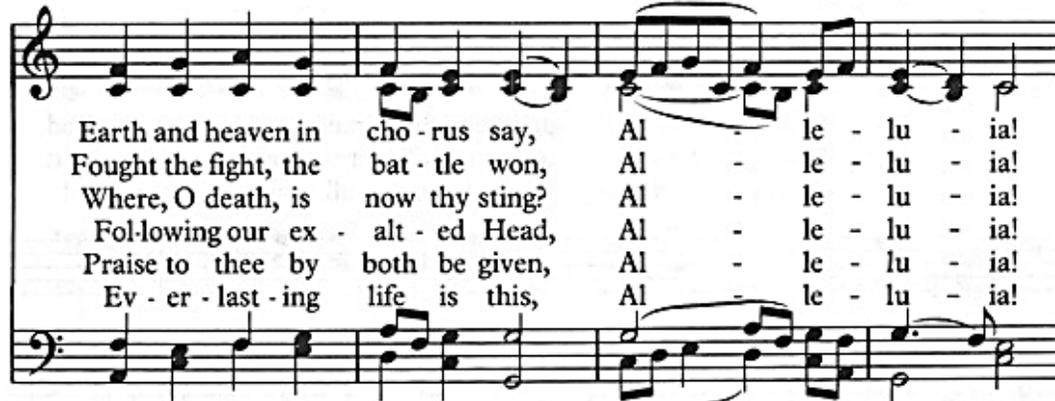
Guest Musician: Joseph DeLage

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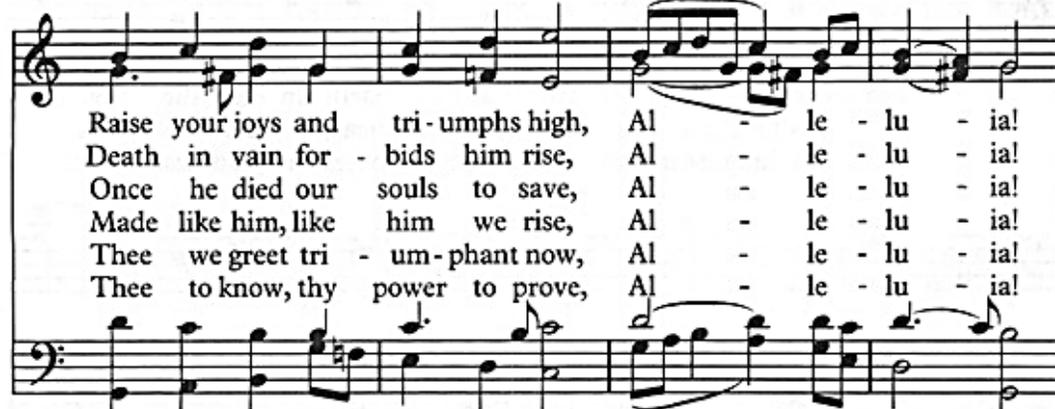
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1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-ri-ous King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

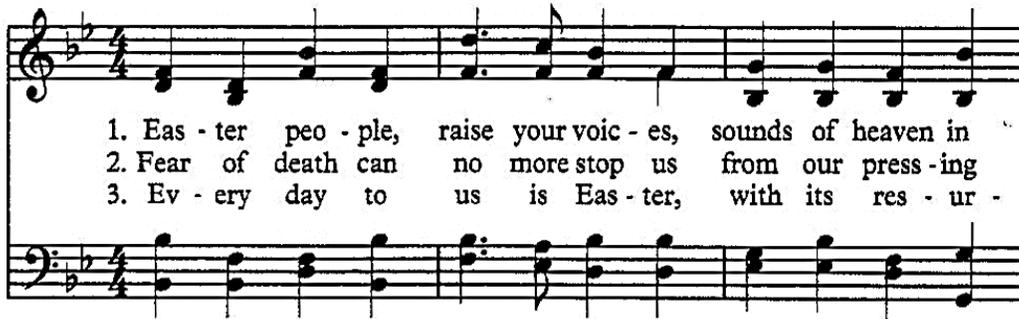


Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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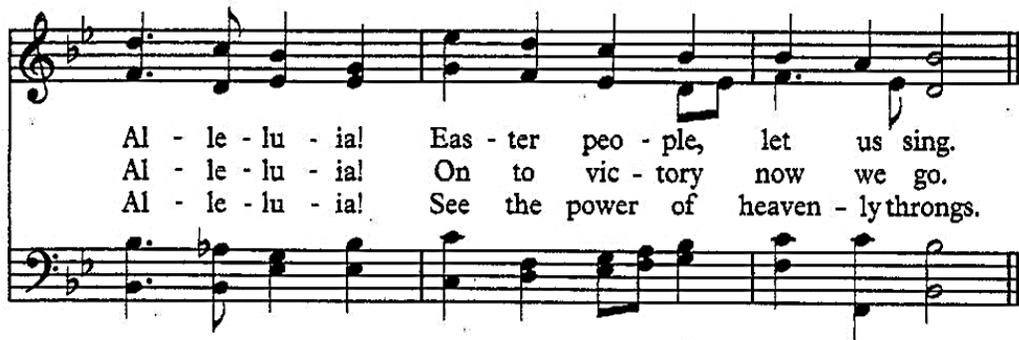
1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE

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1. Low in the grave He lay, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,
 3. Death can-not keep his prey, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, with a
 He a-rose,

might - y tri-umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the
 He a-rose;

dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -
 rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a-rose! He a-rose!

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE
 6.5.6.4 with refrain

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1753; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747

JUDAS MACCABEUS
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