



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 24th 2022

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Community Worship Service
Second Sunday of Easter, April 24th

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

Alleluias Robert

GREETING

L: Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.

P: The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.

L: Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

P: We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.

L: Welcome to worship this glorious day!

P: Let our lives be testimony to God's redeeming love! AMEN.

HYMN #318

Christ is Alive

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all things. Come to us now in visions and dreams, that our eyes may see more than they see, and our hearts may love more than they love. Make yourself known to us in this time of worship, for in you, we live and move and have our being. Bring your kingdom here on earth, that all may know your glory and find the courage to face each day. We ask this in the name of the one who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 5:27-32

- 5:27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,
- 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."
- 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.
- 5:30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.
- 5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- 5:32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 118:14-29 (Please read the bold text)

- 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.
- 118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**
- 118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 118:27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**
- 118:28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
- 118:29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Revelation 1:4-8

- 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- 1:6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So, it is to be. Amen.
- 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- 20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- 20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 20:25 So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
- 20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."
- 20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
- 20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.)

God who abides in our doubts, we yearn for the courage to believe where we have not seen; we long for the ability to perceive things hidden from our eyes; we desire to embrace the riches of our faith when death looms all around us. Like Thomas before us, we often struggle to believe the mystery of your resurrection. So many doubts remain. So much uncertainty closes our minds to the wisdom that stirs our souls. Yet you work in and through our doubts, leading us ever deeper into the mystery of Christ, through the power of your Holy Spirit. May we see Christ's glory amidst our doubts and proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has the power to heal us. Christ has the love to save us. The Spirit has the strength to free us. These gifts are graciously given, even in the midst of our doubts. God is here to lead us deeper and show us the way home.

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 #883 (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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 #303

The Day of Resurrection
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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of our Salvation, we are witnesses to your amazing deeds! By the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have opened the gate to eternal life. We are grateful for your gifts of forgiveness and a new start. Let the obedience of Christ, the righteous one, become the chief cornerstone of our lives. Help us to use our spiritual gifts and monetary blessings be a testimony to your glory. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings through Christ our risen Lord. 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 #310

He Lives
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Gordon Young

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Flowers on the Altar

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

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**.*

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.*

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. We hold Janet English in prayers for the recent passing of Ed English, Kim & Marcus Dodson's step father & step-father-in-law.

Please pray for our student scholars.

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Liturgist: Beth Holimon

Hymns are located on the next few pages.

Christ Is Alive

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1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

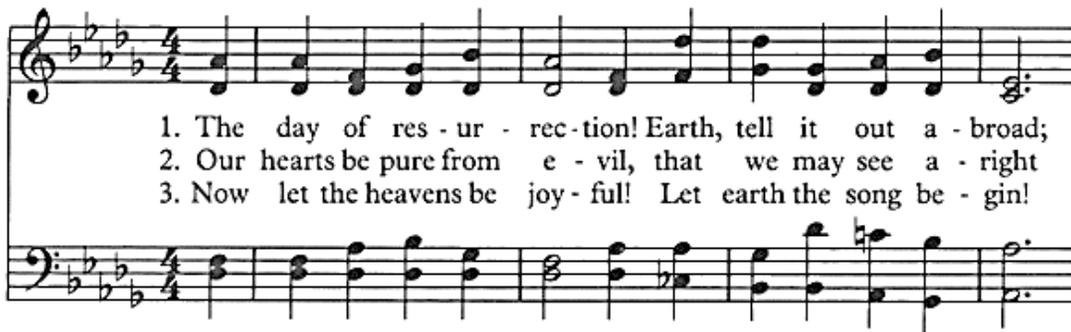
prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.
MUSIC: *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

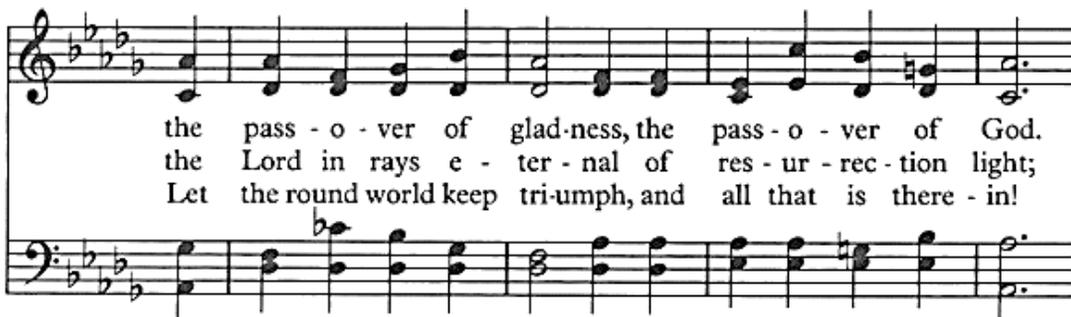
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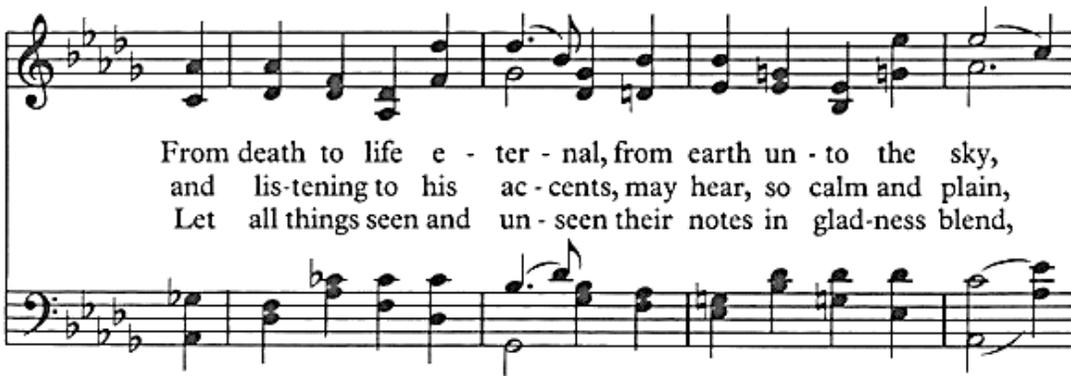
The Day of Resurrection



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing ugh all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek hin e help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933
 MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day!
 He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way.
 He lives, he lives sal-vation to impart!
 You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.