



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 15th 2022

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15th

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

The Gift of Love arr. John Carter

GREETING

As the sun rises in the morning,

let all creation worship God.

From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

God alone makes all things new.

All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

HYMN #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

- 11:1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.
- 11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,
- 11:3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"
- 11:4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,
- 11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.
- 11:6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.
- 11:7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'
- 11:8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'
- 11:9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'
- 11:10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.
- 11:11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.
- 11:12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.
- 11:13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;
- 11:14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'
- 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.
- 11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'
- 11:17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"
- 11:18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148 (Please read the bold text)

- 148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- 148:2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
- 148:3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- 148:4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
- 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
- 148:6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

- 148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
148:8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
 148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
148:10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
 148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
148:12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!
 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
148:14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Revelation 21:1-6

- 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
 21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
 21:4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
 21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
 21:6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13:31-35 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
 13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.
 13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'
 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 of all people,
our hearts are too narrow,
our perspectives are too small.
We reject those who are not like us—
those with different political opinions,
those who struggle with mental illness,
those who disagree with us.
We forget that all are your beloved children,
and neglect your call to love one another.
Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways we have failed
to be a people known by our love.
Show us how to be more caring.
Teach us how to love one another,
and make us faithful disciples. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the repentance that leads to life.
Rejoice in the Lord, for we are a forgiven people.
***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!****

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #885 (A Modern Affirmation)

Pastor:

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

Pastor and People

***We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,***

*the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*
We believe in the Holy Spirit
*as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.*
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
*in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 #408

The Gift of Love
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OFFERTORY

Hymn Douglas E. Wagner

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous and giving God, we offer gifts this day as those who have received so much more. You gave yourself to us and asked only for devotion, yet we got distracted by the world. You offered all of creation to meet our needs for food and shelter, yet we decided we wanted more. You offered your love to all, yet we decided some were more worthy and valuable than others. So, you gave us "the repentance that leads to life," and all our giving pales by comparison. Dedicate us, we pray, in Christ's holy name. 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

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Hal H. Hopson

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Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar for the month of May are given by Bobbi & Stan Moore.

NEW LTUMC Magnetic Name Badges

*LTUMC will be ordering magnetic name badges on **May 16th**. Please send your preferred first and last name you go by to Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.*

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, please do so in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please reach out to **Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017***

Special Program – May 22nd at 3:00 PM

Charlie Steele, our organist is presenting a musical program in the sanctuary which will include some historical information about shape note singing and the shape note collection "Southern Harmony."

Monthly Fellowship Covered Dish/Potluck Dinners

*Our Covered Dish dinners will be the first **Tuesday of the month: June 7th, July 5th, August 2 and September 6th at 6:00 PM.***

The June 7th dinner will be a BBQ dinner (meat provided) and we ask you to bring a side. Come hear an update from our building committee. PLEASE RSVP to Saunders by May 31st at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org

Administrative Council Meeting

*The Administrative Council will meet on **Friday, June 10th at 3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. You may e-mail Tom at Tom.Blackstock@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 Marty Young, Dale and Leigh Ashman, Sherry Minnich's brother-in-law and sister, Jacob Jones, the nephew of John and Char Holbrook, Clyde Biddle, Janet 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 lift Sue Thomas in prayers as John passed away early Wednesday, 5/11/22. There will be a memorial service in September 2022. Sue is open to cards at this time and not phone calls.

We hold Cynthia and Stephen Wood in prayers for the recent passing of Cynthia's father Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr.

We pray for Laura Whitehurst and her family for the passing of her father, La'Bruce Hanahan.

Please pray for our student scholars who completed their Spring semester and for the Scholarship Committee who completed interviews for new scholars.

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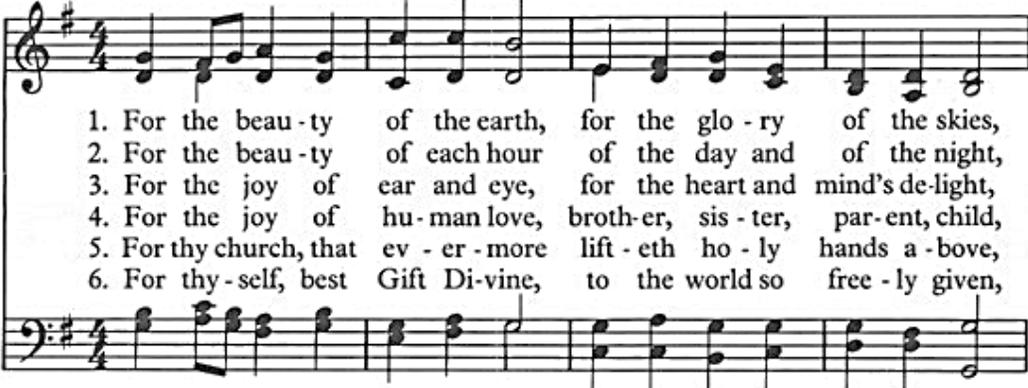
Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill

Liturgist: Arlene Hendrix

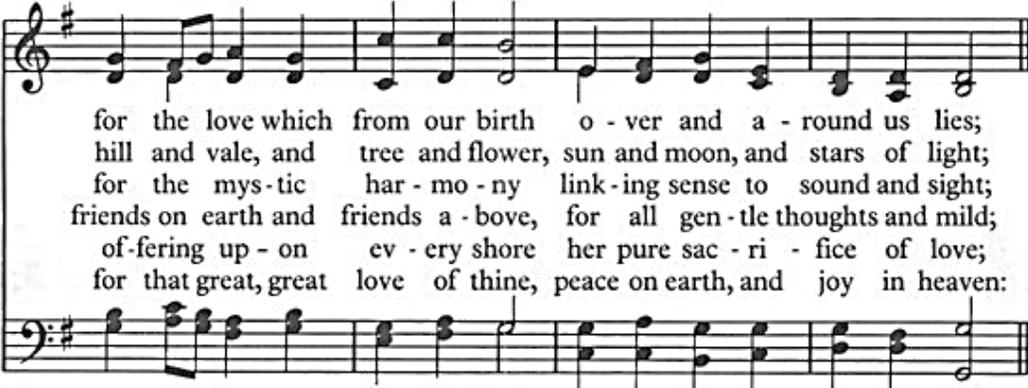
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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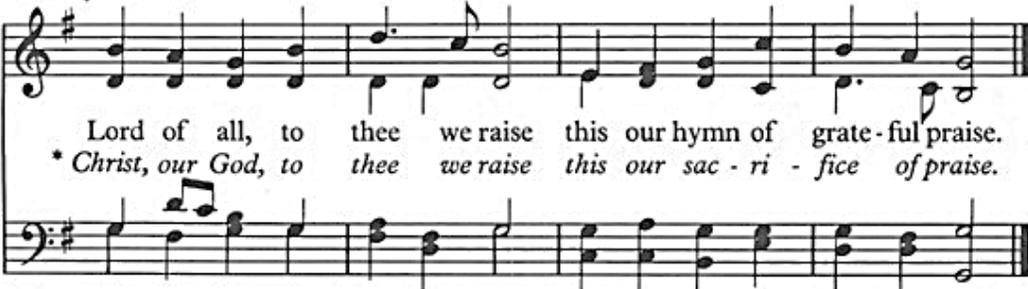


1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;
 of-fering up-on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.
 * *Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.*

*For Holy Communion

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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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

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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

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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL