



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22nd**

**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 "Immortal, Invisible" Austin Lovelace

**INTRODUCTION** – by Scott Walter for Rev. Dr. Rob Field

**GREETING**

*L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!*

***P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.***

*L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!*

***P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!***

*L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!*

***P: Praise be to God. AMEN!***

**HYMN #103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

***Loving companion, you give your people visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Acts 16:9-15

- 16:9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
- 16:10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
- 16:11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,
- 16:12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.
- 16:13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.
- 16:14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.
- 16:15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

### Psalm 67 (Please read the bold text)

**67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah**

67:2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**67:3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

67:4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

**67:5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

67:6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**67:7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

### Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

21:10 And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

21:22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

21:24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

21:25 Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there.

- 21:26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.
- 21:27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- 22:2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- 22:3 Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;
- 22:4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
- 22:5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**John 14:23-29 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 14:23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.
- 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.
- 14:25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
- 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.
- 14:27 Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
- 14:28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.
- 14:29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

*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.)*

***Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So, we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. AMEN.*

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

***Thanks be to God!***

## **HOMILY**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (Nicene Creed)**

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.***

***Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 #400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
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## **OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY**

Prelude on "Dove of Peace" Gilbert M. Martin

## **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*God of the mountains and the valleys, of the dry places and oceans: Your voice speaks to us across creation; the flowers and the trees sing of your majesty; and the stars of the night speak of how much we still don't know. As we offer gifts to you and speak our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew. Give us ears to hear, faith to believe, and determination to truly listen to how you would send us into a hurting world. In Christ, we pray. 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 #428**

For the Healing of the Nations  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune Michael McCabe

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PLEASE Welcome Rev. Dr. Rob Field*** who will worship with us today. He is an Episcopal minister who served as Rector of St. Philip's Church in Brevard from 1997 to 2016. He now serves as Executive Director of Center for Spiritual Wisdom, a non-profit spirituality center he founded in 2016, and teaches World Religions at Brevard College. He is proud to count himself as one of Rev. Dodson's clergy colleagues in the county.

### **Special Program – THIS AFTERNOON - 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."*

### **Flowers on the Altar**

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

### **Scholarship Committee Update from Fred Markert, Outreach Chair**

*During the week of May 9, 2022, the LTUMC Outreach scholarship committee completed twelve interviews of student applicants (eleven from Rosman HS and one from Brevard HS). **We are pleased to announce that from those interviews a William R. Minnich Scholar recipient was selected. An additional seven LTUMC scholarship recipients were selected (six from RHS and one from BHS). Award ceremonies were May 13 and May 17, 2022.***

*These students have exciting and diverse educational goals and paths. We all should be proud not only annual supporting them financially but acting as partners as they pursue their dreams.*

### **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***

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 Sue Thomas, 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 pray for Debra and Brian Singleton as Deb's father, Tommy Lambert passed away on May 5th.***

***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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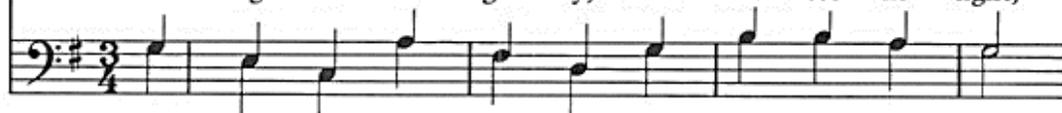
Liturgist: Scott Walter

***Hymns are located on the next few pages.***

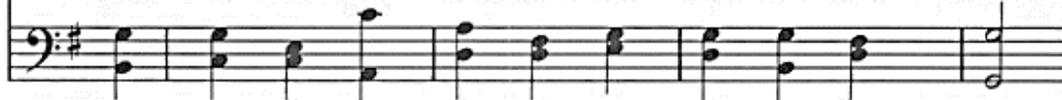
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;




in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;




most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see




al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.



WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)

MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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## 428 For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
 hu - man kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1917

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