



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 8th 2022

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 8th

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love arr. Robert J. Powell

GREETING

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

People: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

HYMN #140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:36-43

- 9:36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.
- 9:37 At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.
- 9:38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."
- 9:39 So, Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.
- 9:40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.
- 9:41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.
- 9:42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.
- 9:43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23 (Please read the bold text)

- 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- 23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**
- 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Revelation 7:9-17

- 7:9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
- 7:10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- 7:11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- 7:12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

- 7:13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"
- 7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 7:15 For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- 7:16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- 7:17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John 10:22-30 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 10:22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
- 10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
- 10:24 So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
- 10:25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;
- 10:26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.
- 10:27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
- 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.
- 10:29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
- 10:30 The Father and I are one."

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.)

Patient God, Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal

***us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.
AMEN.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear! You can place your trust in God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. Rejoice, for you are loved by God.

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 #463

Lord, Speak to Me
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OFFERTORY

Wonderful Words of Life arr. Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church. You have sent into our lives kind Christians who have encouraged us in beautiful ways. Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit. May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus' 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 #127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Robert J. Powell

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Please Welcome Rev. Shelly Webb Today

We are blessed to have Rev. Shelly Webb celebrate our Sunday service with us today. Rev. Shelly Webb currently serves the community as the Executive Director of Transylvania Christian Ministry, also known as Sharing House. Now in their 41th year, Sharing House is the largest comprehensive crisis assistance nonprofit, and works as a collaborative ministry of 34 supporting congregations of faith. Sharing House offers basic life necessities such as food, clothes, utility and rent assistance, empowerment programs and advocacy. Previously, Shelly has served twelve years in local church pastorates in Davidson, Brevard and Asheville and served eight years in extension ministry as Chaplain to Brevard College. Shelly is a native of Hendersonville, NC and is a graduate of Wofford College (BA in Sociology) and Duke University Divinity School (MDiv). She is an ordained elder in WNC Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Flowers on the Altar

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

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.*

Monthly Fellowship Covered Dish/Potluck Dinners

*Our summer 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 bring a side. Come hear an update from our building committee. PLEASE RSVP to Saunders by May 31st 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 or nsalyer331@aol.com.***

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.*

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

Please pray for our student scholars as they complete their Spring semester.

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Liturgist: Scott Walter

Hymns are located on the next few pages.

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1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, There is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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FAITHFULNESS
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Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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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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