



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Third Sunday of Easter

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Community Worship Service & Communion
Third Sunday of Easter, May 4th

10:00 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Aria Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

Worthy is the Lamb of our praise.

***Worthy is the righteous one
of blessing, honor, and glory.***

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HYMN #312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

OPENING PRAYER

***Lord of Life, you meet us on the road,
challenge our prejudices,
and upend of our lives.
Remove the scales from our eyes—
that we may see the breadth of your love,
the beauty of the ones we are called to love,
and the joy of extending your welcome.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we might love one another
as our shepherd loves us. Amen.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

***God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.
Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends.
We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down
by the burdens of life.
We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction
of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.
Forgive us, merciful One.
Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our
world. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God's anger lasts but a moment,
but God's favor lasts a lifetime.
The Lord forgives our shortcomings
and sends deliverance through Christ,
just as the Lord forgave Saul
and used him to spread the gospel.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882 (The Ecumenical Apostles' Creed)
(Please stand as you are able)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:1-6 *Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching*

- 9:1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 9:3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
- 9:4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- 9:5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
- 9:6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Psalms 30 - *You restored me to health (Psalter Lesson)* *(UMH Pg. 762) (Please read the bold text)*

- 30:1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 30:2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**
- 30:3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, **restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.**
- 30:4 Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
- 30:5 **Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.** Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 30:6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**
- 30:7 By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; **you hid your face; I was dismayed.**
- 30:8 To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
- 30:9 **"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?** Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 30:10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**
- 30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

30:12 that my soul may praise you and not be silent. **O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Revelation 5:11-14 - The song of the living creatures to the Lamb (Epistle Reading)

- 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- 5:12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- 5:14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

John 21:1-19 - Jesus appears to the disciples (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 21:1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way.
- 21:2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 21:4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 21:5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."
- 21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.
- 21:8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 21:9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

- 21:11 So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.
- 21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.
- 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
- 21:16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."
- 21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
- 21:18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."
- 21:19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Little Prelude and Fugue in F J S Bach

DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Father and Lord of all, receive the gifts from our hands this day.

For you rescue us from ourselves and free us to love others, as you have loved us.

After a long slumber in ignorance and fear, we offer you our gratitude

for the joy that comes in the morning.

Accept this offering, as a sign of our commitment, to tend your sheep and feed your lambs. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #617

I Come with Joy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven

and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #453

More Love to Thee

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE (Please be seated)

Improvisation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our New Organist

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Robert (Bob) Kintner will be joining the staff of Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church as our new organist and music leader.

Bob was ordained a minister in the Disciples of Christ denomination, but much of his music career has been with a large Disciples of Christ congregation in Lexington, KY. He holds graduate degrees in ministry, church music and organ performance. His lifelong interest and research have focused on the role of congregational singing, which he finds to be the most important musical element of Christian worship.

Bob and his now deceased wife "retired" to Hendersonville several years ago, but he has continued to offer his musical talents to several congregations on an interim basis. When Bob read the announcement of our organist search, he felt a door had been "opened to him to continue serving our Risen Lord." When Bob shared his organist talents with several members of our congregation a few weeks ago, all were amazed at his musicianship. He has also offered to oversee some modifications to our Allen organ to unleash many of its unused capabilities.

Bob is the proud father of three sons, grandfather to six and great-grandfather to two grandsons.

In addition to welcoming Bob, we want to thank Charlotte Gilmore and Kathy Palmer, who have so generously played for us over the past several months while our search was underway.

When you are able, please introduce yourself to Bob and welcome him into our church home.

Spring Bible Study

The Spring Bible Study is Sunday mornings, at 8:45 AM in the Bill Minnich Conference room. This is a come as you can Bible Study and a study guide will be provided. It is led by Don Henderson. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net.

Administrative Council Meetings

The following dates have been scheduled for the remaining Administrative Council meetings for 2025: Friday, June 6; Friday, August 22; and Friday, October 24. The meeting times are 10:00 AM in the Bill Minnich conference room.

Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Up Calendars

The sign-up calendars are located in the Parish Hall. For Coffee Hour, please reach out to Nancee Salyer at nsalyer331@aol.com and for Flowers please e-mail Beth Holimon at roxy1011@gmail.com and for flower wording for the bulletin please reach out to Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org before 5:00 PM the Wednesday prior.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

AA Meetings Thursday Nights

The weekly AA meeting is every Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. In an effort to honor anonymity, please do not go to the Parish building from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery, acute illness or injury and their recovery. We pray for Don Scholl, Lysa Riggs' husband who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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