



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 31st 2021

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Community Worship Service
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, October 31st

9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via YouTube.
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RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues arr. Alice Jordan

GREETING

We are people of God, created to love

We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We are people of God, determined to love.

We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity of favor.

We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable because love imitates God's nature.

All: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14 NRSV).

HYMN #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ruth 1:1-18

- 1:1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.
- 1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.
- 1:3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.
- 1:4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years,
- 1:5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.
- 1:6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food.
- 1:7 So, she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.
- 1:8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
- 1:9 The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.
- 1:10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."
- 1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?
- 1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,
- 1:13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."
- 1:14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.
- 1:15 So, she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

- 1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.
- 1:17 Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"
- 1:18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Psalm 146 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 146:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 146:2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
- 146:3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- 146:4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**
- 146:5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
- 146:6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**
- 146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- 146:8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
- 146:9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 146:10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Hebrews 9:11-14

- 9:11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),
- 9:12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
- 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,
- 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Mark 12:28-34 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 12:28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"
- 12:29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
- 12:30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'
- 12:31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
- 12:32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';
- 12:33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."
- 12:34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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.)

Good and great God, we come to you through Jesus Christ who intercedes for us sinners. We confess our sins, seeking forgiveness not only that we may be at peace with you, but also that we may pray for others. We are ashamed that our prayers are often as self-centered as our lives. Excuse our disordered priorities as we seek to change and reorder our lives according to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ you Son, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! God has chosen you to be saved through sanctification by the Spirit.

People: We are saved by the Spirit through belief in the truth in Christ.

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH (*United Church of Australia*)

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.
We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.
We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.
We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.
We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. 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 #453

More Love, to Thee, O Christ
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<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

Prayer Douglas Wagner

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, architect of the universe, you have wonderfully made every delicate intricacy of this world! Then you placed human beings in the center of it, as we stumble our way through living our lives in union with your will and in harmony with creation. As we offer our tithes and gifts this morning, we thank you for sending your Jesus to show us the way in simple language:

loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. May our gifts be dedicated toward making both a reality. 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 #368

My Hope is Built

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Wayne L. Wold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service

*Paul Bergren's service will be at **11:00 AM on Saturday, November 6, 2021***

Administrative Council meeting

*The Administrative Council will be meeting on **Friday, November 12th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Blackstock.*

From the Worship Committee:

- *Please observe silence when the music starts and the pastor is proceeding in. This will also help those in the sanctuary and those worshipping from home to reflect and prepare for the service.*
- *Masks will no longer be required for those who are vaccinated.*
- *Those who are not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask.*
- *Anyone wishing to wear a mask may do so.*
- *Masks are available if needed. Please request one.*

LTUMC App for your Smart Phone

The LTUMC app is available to download it from either the App Store or the Play Store. Search for "Lake Toxaway UMC". The app is for everyone.

Flowers outside the church & in the Memorial Garden

Thank you to Paula and Fred Markert for the Fall flowers they planted at the front of the church and in the Memorial Garden.

Outreach – Feeding those at The Haven

Thank you to the following volunteers who have signed up to feed those staying at The Haven.

Louis Spencer – August 15th

John & Char Holbrook – October 3rd

John & Judy Lefler – November 14th

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Keith and Jackie Skivington, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert, Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for Houston Hudson, Marcus' brother-in-law who was admitted into the hospital in Greenville, SC with Covid-19. He had been fully vaccinated and has an auto immune disease.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently. Especially for Connie Saul who suddenly lost her mother, Alice last week.

Please pray for our student scholars.

October is clergy appreciation month. Please pray for Marcus, our pastor and we thank him for all he does for us.

NEW LTUMC MEMBERS

Please introduce yourself and welcome the following new members to LTUMC:

Scott Walter and Nancee Salyer have joined as full members on 10/10/21 and reside at Burlingame.

Tom Chapman has joined as a full member on 10/17/21 and resides at Burlingame.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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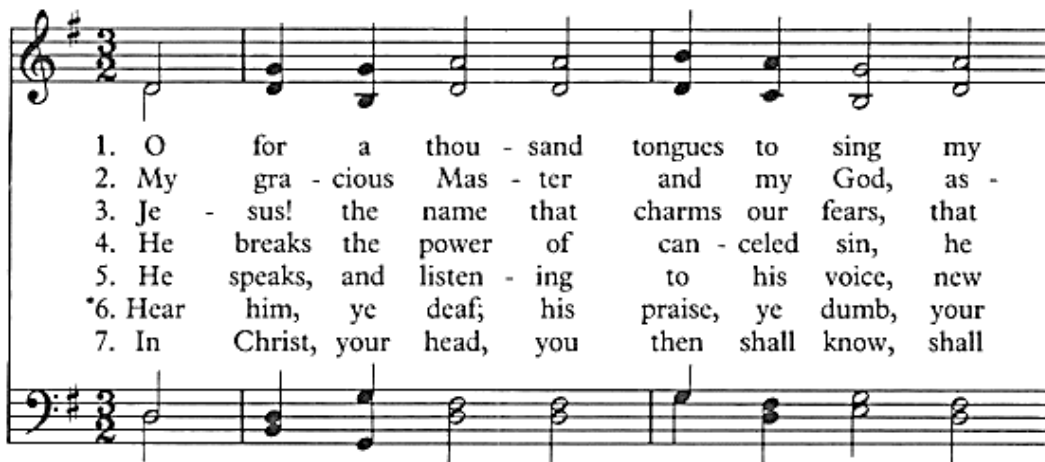
Church Administrator: Saunders Grommesh, 469-569-2314, administrator@laketoxawayumc.org

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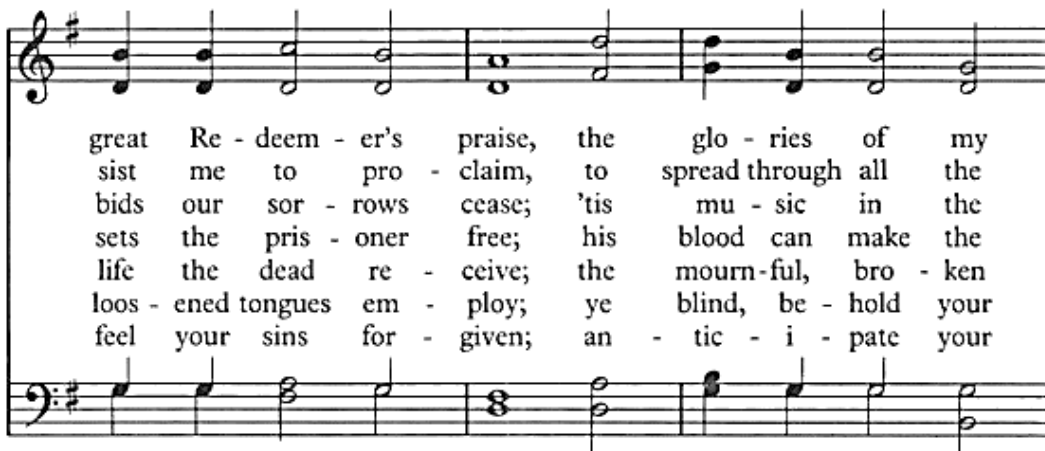
Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill

Liturgist: Tom Blackstock

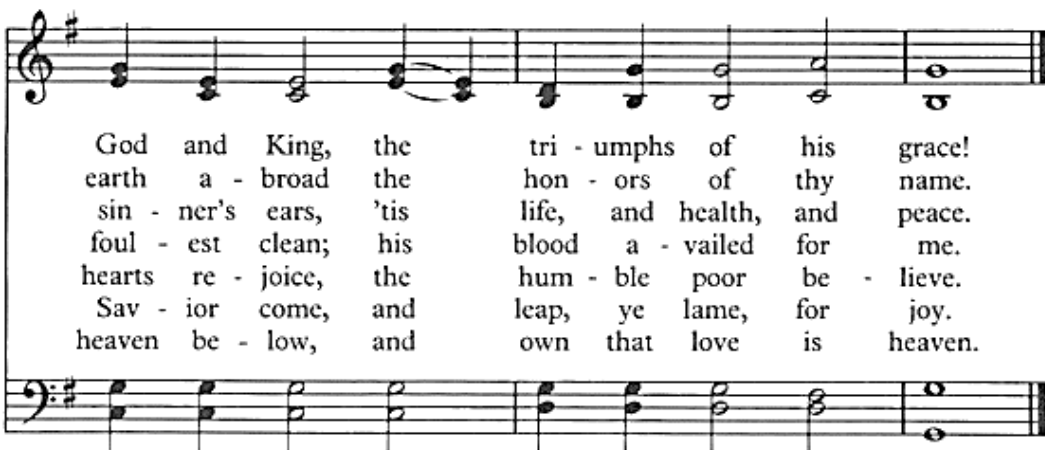
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
 *6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Alt. tune: RICHMOND

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;

This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

WORDS: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, 1869
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

MORE LOVE TO THEE
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My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his right - eous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain