



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
All Saints Day, Sunday, November 7, 2021*

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Community Worship Service & Communion
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9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Deep River arr. Marianne Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP

For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. AMEN

HYMN #708

Rejoice in God's Saints

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881 The Apostles' Creed)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let
our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find
ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that
we are too small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.
How foolish we can be! All of our lives God has been present to us, whether
or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet we have not
taken the time to recognize it. We whine and complain about the misfortunes
that have befallen us and wonder where God is. We want immediate release
from our struggles. And when release comes, we again move off in our own
realms of self-centeredness. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless.
Open our hearts with your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and
forgiven, may actually be effective witnesses to your love and compassion.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You have always been loved by God. Know that you are healed and forgiven, that God has placed a special blessing in your life. Rejoice! For God is with you. Serve God in all that you say, think, and do. AMEN.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

- 3:1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- 3:2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction,
- 3:3 And their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
- 3:4 For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- 3:5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
- 3:6 like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
- 3:7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- 3:8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples and the Lord will reign over them forever.
- 3:9 Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Psalm 24 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
- 24:2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**
- 24:3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 24:4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**
- 24:5 They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- 24:6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah**
- 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

24:8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

24:9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

Revelation 21:1-6a

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."

21:6a Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11:32-44 (Please stand for the Gospel)

11:32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

11:34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

11:35 Jesus began to weep

11:36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

11:38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

11:41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

- 11:43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!"
11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise arr. John Carter

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of endless generosity, we lift our offerings to you, fully knowing our gifts fall short when compared with the poor widow Jesus saw who gave two small coins in her temple offering. We know that until we have experienced a moment of that kind of trust, gratitude, and sacrifice, we don't know the heights of joy that generosity can bring us. Until that time, grow our hearts in giving and in compassion for those our offerings will touch and bless. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #624

Bread of the World
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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

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.

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 #707

Hymn of Promise

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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

For All the Saints Ralph Vaughan Willi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is All Saints Sunday

We remember those who have joined the church triumphant in the past year during the Communion liturgy while also acknowledging the great body of saints who have gone before us. This year we acknowledge the deaths of Paul Bergren, Don Beubendorf, Sandy Pues, Aubrey Stowell, Celeste Thorington Lockard, Martha O'haus and Kirk Smith. You will also have an opportunity to call names of family members and friends during the communion liturgy. Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

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:

- *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.*

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, and Frank Hardin.

Pray for Houston Hudson, Marcus' brother-in-law who was fully vaccinated but still contracted Covid-19.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery.

Pray for those who have had the death of a loved one recently. Especially for Connie Saul who suddenly lost her mother, Alice.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars.

NEW LTUMC MEMBERS

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

Debbie Werrbach has joined as a full member on 10/31/21 and resides at Burlingame.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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

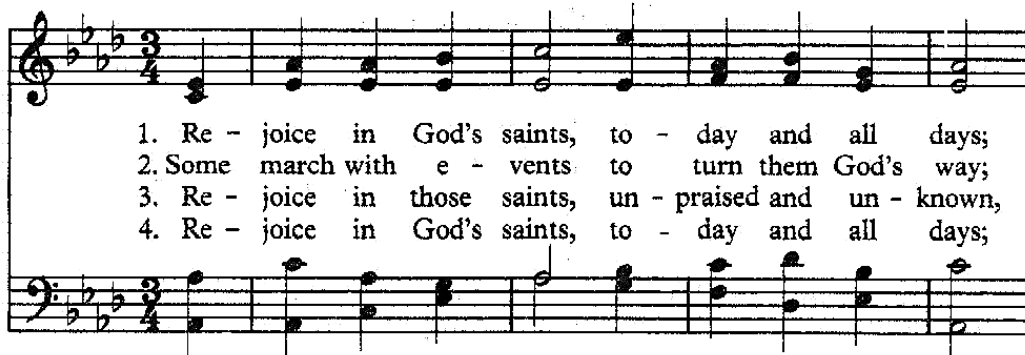
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Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill

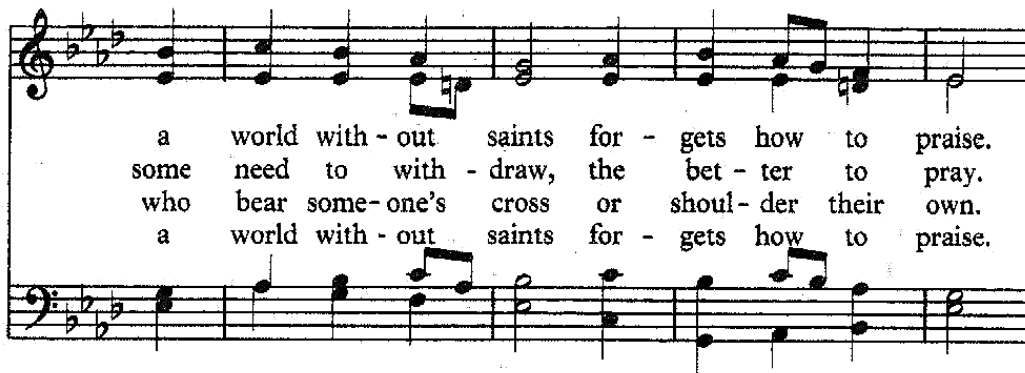
Liturgist: Beth Holimon

Rejoice in God's Saints

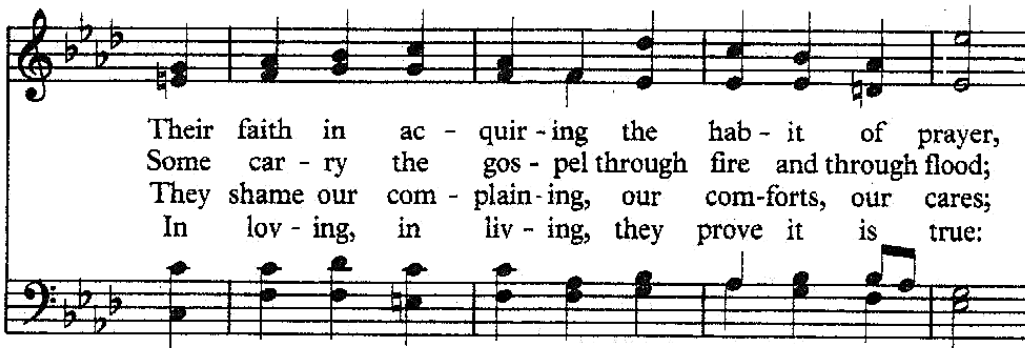
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1. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2. Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3. Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;



a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray.
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own.
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 Some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood;
 They shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares;
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1977
 MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708

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Bread of the World

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1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

soul in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and includes a fermata over the final note of the upper staff. The lyrics continue below the staff.

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features a final cadence with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of both staves. The lyrics conclude below the staff.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1827 (Jn. 6:35-58)
MUSIC: John S. B. Hodges, 1868

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN
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Alt. tune: RENDEZ À DIEU

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Hymn of Promise

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE, *see further:*

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