



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 16th, 2021

Dear Lake Toxaway family and friends,

Day.

Marcus

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/CDJWAHso3MU>

PRELUDE

Intrada and Trio on "Coronation" Wayne L.Wold

GREETING

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

P: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

L: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

P: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

HYMN #154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Located in the back of the bulletin - (Printed w/ permission)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come from all walks of life. We have had our share of good days and bad days. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Lord, we love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

***Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

** During Eastertide a reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible.*

1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,

1:16 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus --

1:17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

1:21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

- 1:22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."
- 1:23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.
- 1:24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen
- 1:25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."
- 1:26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1 *(Please read responsively the bold text)*

- 1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

1 John 5:9-13

- 5:9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.
- 5:10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.
- 5:11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19 *(Please stand for the gospel)*

- 17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- 17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
- 17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- 17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
- 17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
- 17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

- 17:12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- 17:13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.
- 17:14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- 17:15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.
- 17:16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- 17:18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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.)

Loving and merciful God,

we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,

for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.

We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom.

We fail to see your Kingdom in parables

because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.

Form in us a new vision of community

in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.

We pray for the sake of your Kingdom

that both is and is not yet. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Long ago Jesus said to his disciples,

"I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from [God].

You did not choose me, but I chose you!"

Jesus speaks these words to us today.

Jesus forgives us and chooses us to be his friends, sharing his great work of love. Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH (*United Church of Canada*)

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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.

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OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here David Cherwien

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babies in our mother's arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

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 #364

Because He Lives
Located in the back of the bulletin - (Lyrics only)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Hal H. Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on **Friday, June 11th at 3:00 PM**. If you are a member of the Council, you will receive a Zoom Invite. If you are not a member and would like to attend the meeting, please email Tom Blackstock or Saunders Grommesh as these meetings are open to all members, but only members have a vote if actions are required. You may e-mail Tom at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com or Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.

Scholarship Committee Update/Partners for 2021 – 2022 Scholars

If you are interested in being a **partner** (formally known as a sponsor/mentor) for a future scholar recipient for the 2021-2022 school year, please reach out to Judy Leffler at judyeffler1@gmail.com.

LTUMC App & Member login update

LTUMC App: We are working closely with our website design & hosting company. We are developing a new LTUMC app for our cell phones – both for iPhones and Android smart phones.

LTUMC Website Membership login update: Thank you for those of you who provided updated information for our new LTUMC directory and taking updated pictures. We will have an online directory and it will only be viewable to the LTUMC family through your unique login. This is taking a little longer than expected but is coming along.

One thing you can do now is to set up your own individual e-mail address if you do not already have one. Some couples share an e-mail address and the program is requiring each person have their own individual e-mail address.

Please reach out to Saunders if you are unable to have your own individual e-mail address. If you need help in creating a new e-mail address, please reach out to Saunders at | saunderv@hotmail.com | 469-569-2314.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Katherine Jeter, Jan Crocker, Thomas Blackstock, , Marcus' nephew Steven Hudson, Cathie Fussell's nephew, Jeff Tilley, Madison Coleman & the Jeter family, Bill Holden, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those with illness, upcoming surgery and recovery. Please pray for them, their recoveries and spouse/caregiver.

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months.

Please pray for all student scholars as they are finishing their school year. A special request from Molly Cammack - "I am in the process of applying for a very exciting education opportunity! Please keep me in your prayers!"

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1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred thron - e at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

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CORONATION
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Because He Lives

#364 in the United Methodist Hymnal

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1. God sent his son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because he lives.

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
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because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because he lives.