



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 22nd 2023

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Community Worship Service
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22nd

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

O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendelssohn (arr. Janet Linker)

GREETING

L: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

P: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

P: Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

L: We practice our faith in many different ways.

P: Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

L: We render different forms of ministry.

P: Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

L: Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

P: Praise the Lord!

HYMN #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

***O God, our light and our salvation,
shelter us in your love.***

***O God, our stronghold,
protect us from danger.***

***We come with shouts of joy
to worship you this day.***

***We come with song and music
to celebrate your love.***

***We come with longing
to seek your presence.***

***Be with us now, O God,
as we sing your praises. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4

- 9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
- 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.
- 9:3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
- 9:4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 27:4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
- 27:5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.**
- 27:6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- 27:7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**
- 27:8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- 27:9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Epistle Reading)

- 1:10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.
- 1:11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.
- 1:12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."
- 1:13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

- 1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
1:15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.
1:16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)
1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.
1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.
4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles
4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.
4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James' son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.
4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.
4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

God of light,

we live in the darkness of despair:

worried about our lives,

concerned for our health,

fearful that we are lost from you.

The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:

our unwillingness to forgive,

our fears of one another,

our reluctance to share what we have,

our divisions and quarrels.

We long to turn from the dark

and live in the light.

We yearn to leave what is evil

and follow the paths of righteousness.

Shine the light of your love upon us

and transform us with your love,

that your promised realm may draw near.

We pray in the blessed name of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The light of God's love

shines into the dark places of our world,

healing its brokenness,

and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love

makes us a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God!

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (United Church of Canada – Please stand)

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 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.

HYMN #430

O Master, Let me Walk with Me
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OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us arr. Roberts J. Powell

DOXOLOGY #95 (Please be stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Loving God, light of the world,
we thank you for these gifts.
May they share your joy and your hope,
bringing reconciliation and help
to those seeking to walk in your ways.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated)

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 #398

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Them Praise His Name. Douglas E. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Combined February & March Potluck:

*The next potluck will be combined of both February & March and will be held on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 PM.***

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd:

*The Ash Wednesday service will be on **Wednesday, February 22nd around 7:00 PM** immediately following the potluck.*

2022 Year End Giving Statements:

The 2022 giving statements are being mailed out and you should receive it by the end of January. If you have not received it by the end of the first week of February. Please email Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.

Bulletins & Newsletters:

Our weekly bulletins are posted on our website:

<https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/bulletins>

Our newsletter is also posted on our website

<https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/communications/newsletters>

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. Especially for Stephen Wood's mother, Shirley who was hospitalized last week in Spartanburg, SC.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.

We lift up those who are actively searching for employment and pray for perseverance for them.

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 as they are in their Spring semester.

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66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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Jesus Calls Us

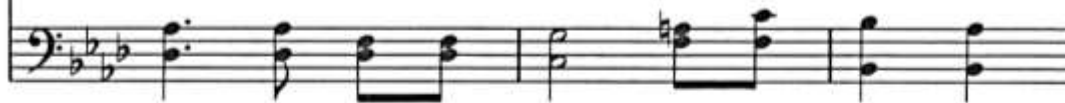
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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

