



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 29th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg)

**RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.***

**PRELUDE**

This is My Father's World    arr. Dale Wood

**GREETING (*Please stand as you are able*)**

*L: Today, Christ's Spirit is in our midst.*

***P: God is calling us again to love God with all our might. And to love our neighbors as ourselves.***

*L: Let the glory of the Lord rise among us*

***P: May we worship God in unity and harmony.***

**HYMN #66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

- 34:1    Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan,  
34:2    all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,  
34:3    the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar.  
34:4    The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

- 34:5 Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command.
- 34:6 He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day.
- 34:7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.
- 34:8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.
- 34:9 Joshua, son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- 34:10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.
- 34:11 He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land,
- 34:12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)**

- 90:1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 90:3 You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."**
- 90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.
- 90:5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;**
- 90:6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
- 90:13 Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**
- 90:14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 90:15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.**
- 90:16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
- 90:17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -- O prosper the work of our hands!**

### **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (Epistle Reading)**

- 2:1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,  
2:2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.  
2:3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,  
2:4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.  
2:5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed;  
2:6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,  
2:7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.  
2:8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### **Matthew 22:34-46 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 22:34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,  
22:35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.  
22:36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"  
22:37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'  
22:38 This is the greatest and first commandment.  
22:39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'  
22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."  
22:41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:  
22:42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son, is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."  
22:43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
22:44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?  
22:45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"  
22:46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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.)*

***O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of idleness, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and vain talk. Instead, give to me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother or sister, for You are Blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen. (St. Ephraim the Syrian)***

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with God's compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! AMEN.*

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

**HOMILY**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (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 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 #402**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian  
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## **OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

Land of Rest arr. Sam Batt Owens

## **DOXOLOGY #95 (Please be stand)**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost***

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***God of unimaginable love, you have given us so much and asked so little. In the words of Jesus, we have been commanded to love you with our whole being, love our neighbors, and love ourselves. For that simple price, you have given us everything and promised to love us and not desert us. It is a covenant more generous than anyone could imagine, and yet how often we fail to keep the bargain. We love you when it is convenient and will not embarrass us before others. We pick and choose which neighbors we love. as we pick and choose when we will love ourselves. As we dedicate our gifts this morning to bringing acts of love, may we also resolve to better keep our side of your covenant of love. In 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 #557**

Bless Be the Tie that Binds  
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## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please be seated)*

Trumpet Tune    Douglas Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar**

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Tom & Kay Blackstock** in celebration of their **47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.***

**Sunday Service & Fellowship Hall Access**

*If you park in the upper parking lot, we have a large dumpster, a construction site board, 2 caution barriers and an outdoor bathroom for the construction crew to use. Should you need to use the restroom on Sundays please use the entrance between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. There will be a clear path for walking inside, and as construction progresses there could be more debris on either side of the path.*

**Offsite Coffee Hour November 5th**

***Jon Finstrom & Brenda Morris are hosting a coffee hour at their home after church Nov. 5th***

*Directions:* 2686 Kim Miller Road., Lake Toxaway, NC 28747

*Coming from church turn left on NC 281 and then turn right (only option) on Kim Miller. After crossing the bridge and going up the hill, Kim Miller makes a left and then an immediate right. Our driveway is on the outside radius of the curve to the right and there is a "2686" sign there as well. There are two metal "snowflake" sculptures. The driveway is 1/4 mile long, follow it through the gates and at the "Y" in the road stay left and continue to the "pond house" which is on the right. The pond house has heaters etc. but is open sided so a coat or jacket is a good idea.*

**Flower Sign-up calendar**

*The sign-up calendar for flowers is currently filled for the rest of the year. Thank you to everyone who signed up. Please look at our calendar on our website for flowers on Sundays: <https://www.laketoxawayumc.org>*

## **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 and their recovery.***

***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.***

***Please continue to our partner agencies and especially for The Haven, a homeless shelter for both individuals and families in Brevard.***

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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  
 87.87.87

Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,  
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian  
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing  
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly  
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986  
 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
 arr.

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in my heart. In my heart,  
 (in my heart) (in my heart)

in my heart, (in my heart) Lord, I want to

be a Christian in my heart. (in my heart)  
 be more lov - ing in my heart. (in my heart)  
 be more ho - ly in my heart. (in my heart)  
 be like Je - sus in my heart. (in my heart)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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