



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 26th, 2023

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Community Worship Service
Christ the King Sunday, November 26th

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

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

PRELUDE

Chorale - Fanfare on "Crucifer" Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand as you are able*)

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

Praise God with lives of compassion.

Sing with acts of kindness.

Glorify God with acts of mercy.

Praise God with works of justice.

Praise God with overflowing love.

HYMN #73

O Worship the King

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***God of grace and God of glory,
reveal yourself through our lives and our love.***

Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day.

***Help us know the hope to which we are called,
that we may be the servants you craft us to be.***

In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

- 34:11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
- 34:12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- 34:13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
- 34:14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
- 34:15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.
- 34:16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
- 34:20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
- 34:21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,
- 34:22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
- 34:23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
- 34:24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm 100 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 100:1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 100:2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- 100:3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- 100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Ephesians 1:15-23 (Epistle Reading)

- 1:15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
- 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
- 1:17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,
- 1:18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
- 1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
- 1:20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
- 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
- 1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
- 1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.
- 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
- 25:33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
- 25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;
- 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
- 25:36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
- 25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
- 25:38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?
- 25:39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
- 25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
- 25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

- 25:42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
25:44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'
25:45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE #891 *(Please be seated)*

***Almighty and most merciful God,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
The devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone
those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done
those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.***

All pray in silence.

*If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
And will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Thanks be to God.*

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (*The Nicene Creed*)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

***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.***

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 #454

Open My Eyes

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OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes Emma Lou Diemer

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

Shepherd of love, transform these gifts

into nourishment for a hungry world.

May they offer shelter from the storms of life.

May they bring kindness and compassion

to the lost and the lonely.

Transform us, even as you transform these gifts,

that we might be your hands and feet in the world.

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 #61

Come, Thou Almighty King

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name Hal Hobson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar are given in **loving memory of Bob Ellyson and to the Glory of God, by his wife Marilyn and children, Bob Jr., Julie and Scott.***

Our Daily Bread

The next copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are at both entrances of the sanctuary. It is for December, January and February.

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. Especially for Sherry Minnich.

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.

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O Worship the King

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1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833 (Ps. 104)

MUSIC: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815

LYONS
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454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
 3. O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der-ful key
 send-est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
 ev-ery-where; o-pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I
 love with thy chil-dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.

O-pen my eyes,
 O-pen my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 O-pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

Come, Thou Almighty King

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1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise! Fa - ther all
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

WORDS: Anon.
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
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Alt. tune: AMERICA