



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 5th

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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Happy are those who worship the Lord
and delight in God's precepts.*

***They rise before dawn
as a light to the upright.***

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

***They shine their light before others
for all the world to see.***

They will never be moved.

Let this be our worship.

HYMN #64

Holy, Holy, Holy

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OPENING PRAYER

***God of mystery and of judgment,
who has made us to be salt and light
in a tasteless, shadowed world,
guide us in this time of worship.***

***Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment
so that others may see your good works through us,
give you the glory,
and be moved to serve you. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

- 58:1 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
- 58:2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
- 58:3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
- 58:4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
- 58:5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
- 58:6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
- 58:7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- 58:8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- 58:9a Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
- 58:9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- 58:10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
- 58:11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
- 58:12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalm 112:1-9 (10) (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 112:1 Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.
- 112:2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 112:3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- 112:4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- 112:5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 112:6 For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

112:7 They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

112:8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

112:9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

112:10 The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) (Epistle Reading)

2:1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2:3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

2:4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

2:5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

2:6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

2:7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2:9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"

2:10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

2:11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

2:13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

2:14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

2:15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.
- 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
- 5:15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
- 5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.
- 5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

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

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OFFERTORY

Thy Word arr. Douglas E Wagner

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #463

Lord, Speak to Me

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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 #163

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

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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 (Please be seated)

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council Meeting:

The next Administrative Council meeting will be **Friday, February 10th at 9:00 AM**. Please reach out to Tom Blackstock with any questions.

Outreach Committee needs volunteers to provide food to The Haven:

Our 2023 Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church Outreach committee again has a financial goal of sharing with others 50% or more of the church's general collections (operating budget). Most of your outreach dollars are gifted to our ten (10) not for profit Transylvania County partners: Sharing House, The Haven, Bread of Life, The Children's Center, Safe, The Women's Center, The Family Place, Cops for Kids, God's Way Food Pantry and North Toxaway Baptist Church Food Pantry.

Additionally, the Minnich and church scholarship programs support approximately twenty-two (22) young adults wishing to further their education after high school graduation.

In April, May, August and November volunteers from our church take food to the homeless shelter in Brevard. We are now asking for volunteers. Please contact Fred Markert, 828-553-3303 if you can lend a hand.

Combined February & March Potluck:

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

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd:

The Ash Wednesday service will be on **Wednesday, February 22nd around 7:15 PM** immediately following the potluck.

New Devotional Available:

If you are interested in a devotional following the weekly lectionary text, please email Marcus.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. Especially for Renee Alexander who is under Hospice Care, and for Roger Alexander.

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. Especially for Willette Taylor, Michael Taylor's mother who passed away at her home in Greenville, SC January 15th. She was 98 years old. We continue to pray for Shirley, Stephen Wood's mother.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars preparing for final exams, our local students, teachers and staff.

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64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

CANONBURY
 LM

163 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

1. Ask ye what great thing I know, that de-lights and
 2. Who de-feats my fier-cest foes? Who con-soles my
 3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
 4. This is that great thing I know; this de-lights and

stirs me so? What the high re-ward I win? Whose the name I
 sad-dest woes? Who re-vives my faint-ing heart, heal-ing all its
 death will be? Who will place me on his right, with the count-less
 stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who tri-umphed

glo-ry in? Je-sus Christ, the cru-ci-fied.
 hid-den smart? Je-sus Christ, the cru-ci-fied.
 hosts of light? Je-sus Christ, the cru-ci-fied.
 o'er the grave: Je-sus Christ, the cru-ci-fied.

WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863
 (1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1841

HENDON
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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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