



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 12th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Third Sunday in Lent, March 12th

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Dale Wood

GREETING

Worship the Lord and sing God's praises.

***We come into the Lord's presence
with songs of thanksgiving.***

Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

We rejoice in our time together.

Drink of Christ's living water.

We thirst for God's love!

HYMN #101

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***Holy God, we yearn to draw near
as we arrive in this place.***

***We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears,
and deepen our faith.***

***As the Samaritan woman before us,
help us draw cool water from the well of your love,
and help us leave with the living water of belief,
through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7

- 17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 17:2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"
- 17:3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"
- 17:4 So, Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- 17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalms 95 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 95:1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 95:2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 95:3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**
- 95:4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 95:5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**
- 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 95:7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!**
- 95:8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 95:9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**
- 95:10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."
- 95:11 Therefore, in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."**

Romans 5:1-11 (Epistle Reading)

- 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 5:2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- 5:3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- 5:4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- 5:5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 5:7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- 5:8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- 5:9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- 5:10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
- 5:11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-42 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 4:5 So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- 4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
- 4:7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
- 4:8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
- 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)
- 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
- 4:11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"
- 4:12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"
- 4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
- 4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
- 4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."
4:17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';
4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"
4:19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.
4:20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."
4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.
4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
4:25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."
4:26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."
4:27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"
4:28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,
4:29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"
4:30 They left the city and were on their way to him.
4:31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."
4:32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."
4:33 So, the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"
4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.
4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.
4:36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.
4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'
4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."
4:39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."
4:40 So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.
4:41 And many more believed because of his word.

4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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.)

***Patient and ever-faithful God,
we come to you this morning
confessing that we can be a grumpy
and unsatisfied people.***

***When things are not perfect in our eyes,
we murmur and complain,
and grumble and doubt.***

***We lose hope in the people around us
and, even worse, we lose hope in you.***

We challenge instead of accept.

We put you to the test

rather than trust your caring love.

Forgive our doubts and complaining.

Forgive our loss of hope.

Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.

Restore our souls. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Our hope and assurance
rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness.*

*Open your hearts and minds and souls
that the healing waters*

*of God's never-ending love and forgiveness
may flow into and over you.*

*Know that in this love and forgiveness
you have encountered the living God.*

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

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.***

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 #500

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart
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Wondrous Love. Sam Batt Owens

DOXOLOGY #95 (Please be stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Life-giving Lord Christ,
we offer you ourselves and our resources.
Use us and our gifts,
that we may be water bearers
to a world thirsty for love,
for meaning, and for hope.
May all your people encounter fullness of life
through the love of Christ, which lives within us. 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 #127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Sam Batt Owens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar:

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Renée Alexander and Ruth Cech from Carl & Donna Shealy.

Daylight Savings Time:

Please remember set your clocks an hour ahead - Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday.

Welcome our new LTUMC Members:

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members to our LTUMC family. Please introduce yourself to Louise Miller of Lake Toxaway, Joe & Liz Haraschak of Lake Toxaway, Michael & Stephanie Taylor of Burlingame, Eleanor Wall & Janet English of Sapphire.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. Especial for Arthur Shealy, who has become ill. He is the brother and brother-in-law of Carl & Donna Shealy.

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.

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From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;

let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all

name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
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500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
 the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly, 1867 (Gal. 5:25)
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and
 the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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