



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 9th, 2023

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Community Worship Service
Easter Sunday, April 9th

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

Jesus Christ is Risen Today arr. Dallas Blair

CALL TO WORSHIP

He is Risen!

The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.

The Lord has risen; He's no longer among the dead.

He lives. The Lord has risen!

Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

HYMN #302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Living God,

rejoicing in this day of resurrection,

we have come to celebrate

the strength of your love—

a love that triumphs even over death.

As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love,

we thank you for the opportunity

to encounter the Risen Christ

here in our midst. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

- 10:34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
10:35 but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.
10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
10:39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
10:41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
118:15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
118:17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4 (Epistle Reading)

- 3:1 So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
- 3:3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 3:4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

John 20:1-18 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 20:2 So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
- 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- 20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- 20:12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
- 20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
- 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

- 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
- 20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ,
even when we are looking directly
at your Incarnate Love.***

***We cling to our assumptions
about how life on earth should unfold,
forgetting that life in your realm
shatters those expectations.***

***Forgive us when we go through our daily routine,
forgetting to look for the Risen One.***

***Forgive us when coming to worship
is more about seeing our friends
than it is about encountering you
and our Resurrected Lord.***

***Open our eyes and our hearts, O God,
to the full awareness of your presence with us,
in each and every moment of our lives.***

***We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!
Alleluia and amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*People of God,
why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb?
Do not dwell on your wounds any longer
for he has risen to heal you,
he has risen to forgive you;
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.
Christ has risen to forgive us.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Alleluia***

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 #322

Up from the Grave He Arose
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OFFERTORY

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice and Sing Charles Callahan

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #308

Thine Be the Glory
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POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune John Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Don & Carole Guffey in loving memory of Ruth Cech.

Guest Musician

We welcome Luke Norton as our guest trumpeter today. He is a student at Western Carolina University.

Today's Easter Sunday Bulletins ~ THANK YOU!

Thank you to Louise Miller, Joe and Liz Haraschak for purchasing our Easter Sunday bulletins in the sanctuary!

Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after our Service today

Please stop in the Fellowship Hall to meet new old friends over a cup of coffee. If you want to sign-up to bring something, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please reach out to Nancee Salyer at 314-443-1017 or nsalyer331@aol.com

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.

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Guest Musician: Luke Norton

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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322 Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave He lay, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,
 3. Death can-not keep his prey, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, with a
 He a-rose,

might - y tri-umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the
 He a-rose;

dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -
 rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a-rose! He a-rose!

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE
 6.5.6.4 with refrain

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1753; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 53, 65, 65, 65

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