



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Nov 10th**

**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**

Meditation on "Wondrous Love" Charles Callahan

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

*L: Come, take your rest this day*

***P: Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.***

*L: Come, put your minds at ease.*

***P: Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.***

*L: Come. For this is the house of the Lord. It is here that you will find peace.*

***P: Praise and thanks be to God for giving us sanctuary. AMEN.***

**HYMN # 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 - Ruth wins the favor of Boaz**

- 3:1 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.
- 3:2 Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.
- 3:3 Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.
- 3:4 When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."
- 3:5 She said to her, "All that you say I will do."
- 4:13 So, Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son.
- 4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel!
- 4:15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."
- 4:16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.
- 4:17 The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### **Psalms 127 - Children a heritage from the Lord (Psalter Lesson)**

***(Please read the bold text)***

- 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
- 127:2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.
- 127:3 Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.**
- 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.
- 127:5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

### **Hebrews 9:24-28 - The sacrifice of Christ (Epistle Reading)**

- 9:24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
- 9:25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own;
- 9:26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- 9:27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment,
- 9:28 so, Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **Mark 12:38-44 - A widow's generosity (Gospel)**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

- 12:38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces
- 12:39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!
- 12:40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."
- 12:41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.
- 12:42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.
- 12:43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.
- 12:44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*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.)*

***Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.*

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

## **HOMILY**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 (The Apostles' Creed)**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

***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.***

**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 #432**

Jesu, Jesu

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**OFFERTORY**

Elevation #2 Anna Mae Nichols

**DOXOLOGY #95** *(Please stand as you are able)*

***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** *(Please continue standing)*

***Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your kingdom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may glorify your name and extend your grace to all. In Jesus' name, 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 #438** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

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**BENEDICTION**

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

Fanfare Robert J. Powell

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Guest Organist**

We welcome **Charlotte Gilmore** as our organist today. She has been a church musician since her California youth. She and her husband Charles have lived in Transylvania County since 2002. She will be with us today – December 1st.

### **Administrative council meeting**

The next **Administrative Council meeting is Friday, November 15th at 10:00 AM** in the Minnich conference hall. Please see Scott Walter with questions.

### **A note from Charlie**

Dear LTUMC members, I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for the many cards as well as your prayers. It was somewhat of a shock to receive the diagnosis of the disease, though at one level, it wasn't. There has been some presence of this disease in the greater Steele family of which I am part. I will miss my weekly trips to LTUMC and the providing of music for worship, something I have done almost all of my life in some shape or form. The time does come when we must stop certain things and move on to the next chapter. I have been most fortunate in my life and have done things I never thought, when younger, I would ever do. I have been blessed in so many ways by so many people, which includes people at LTUMC. Thank you again for your concern and your support. The peace of Christ be with you all. Sincerely, Charlie Steele

### **Bible Study – Sunday Mornings at 8:45 AM**

The Bible study meets on **Sundays at 8:45 AM** in the Minnich conference room and is not consecutive; come as you can. **Don Henderson** is leading this Bible Study.

### **Service time change**

Our Sunday service time has been moved to **10:00 AM**.

### **The Prayer Ministry – Day Change to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday starting Nov. 13th**

**They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Nov. 13th (no longer on Fridays) of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. E-mail prayer requests to [LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com).**

### **Livestream Volunteers Needed**

We need more volunteers to help provide the livestream. It is not a hard task and you will be trained. If you are interested, please reach out to **Joe Haraschak at [joe10066@outlook.com](mailto:joe10066@outlook.com)**.

### **Winter Liturgists (Readers) Needed**

We need volunteers to read over the winter months for our Sunday service. **Please email Saunders at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org) if interested.**

### **Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Ups**

The sign-up calendars are located in the Parish Hall. **For Coffee Hour, please reach out to Nancee Salyer at [nsalyer331@aol.com](mailto:nsalyer331@aol.com) and for Flowers please e-mail Beth Holimon at [roxy1011@gmail.com](mailto:roxy1011@gmail.com) and for flower wording for the bulletin please reach out to Saunders before 5:00 PM the Tuesday prior.**

### **AA Meetings Thursday Nights**

**The weekly AA meeting is every Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. In an effort to honor anonymity please do not go to the Parish building from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. We especially pray for Charlie Steel and Patti Black. We pray for Thomas Blackstock and his treatments.***

***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. We pray for Anita Harvill & family as Andy passed away on Monday, 10/28/24.***

***Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff.***

## **STAFF & LAY OLUNTEERS**

Pastor: Marcus Dodson: 828-553-0282, [marcus61dodson@gmail.com](mailto:marcus61dodson@gmail.com)

Guest Organist: Charlotte Gilmore

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Lay Leader: Paula Markert: 828-553-9434 and Scott Walter: 314-374-2969

Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Joe Haraschak 813-918-1916

Liturgist: Stephen Wood

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# 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER  
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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL

Jesu, Jesu

*Refrain (Unison)*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

*Fine.*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

*D.C.*

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969 (Jn. 13:1-17)  
 MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. by Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

CHEREPONI  
 Irr. with Refrain

## Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly  
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me  
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine  
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

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la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -  
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy  
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at  
 boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with

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solved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.  
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.