



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Reign of Christ, Nov 24th**

**10:00 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**

Voluntary on KREMSER - Gordon Young

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

*Christ came to be our King.*

***We have come to be Christ's people.***

*The King of kings calls us to follow him.*

***We have come to be Christ's people.***

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**HYMN # 131**

We Gather Together

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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **2 Samuel 23:1-7 - The just ruler like morning light**

- 23:1 Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
- 23:2 The spirit of the LORD speaks through me; his word is upon my tongue.
- 23:3 The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: "One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,
- 23:4 is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land."
- 23:5 Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?
- 23:6 But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
- 23:7 to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

### **Psalms 132:1-18 - The faithful sing with joy (Psalter Lesson)**

*(Please read the bold text)*

- 132:1 O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;
- 132:2 how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 132:3 "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;**
- 132:4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
- 132:5 until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."**
- 132:11 The Lord swore to David a sure oath from it will not turn back: **"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.**
- 132:12 If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies which I shall teach them, **their sons also, forever, shall sit on your throne."**
- 132:13 For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for God's habitation:
- 132:14 "This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.**
- 132:15 I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.
- 132:16 Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.**

132:17 There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

**132:18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on his crown will shine upon him."**

**Revelation 1:4b-8 - Christ, the Ruler of the Earth (Epistle Reading)**

1:4 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood

1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**John 18:33-37 - The Kingdom of Christ (Gospel)**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

18:33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

18:35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

18:37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*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.)*

***Hide your truth in our hearts, dear God, for we are a people who are attracted to the error of our ways. We make bad choices, O Lord. We find ourselves in predicaments that make us sigh and groan. We have brought upon ourselves many of the disasters that have come our way. We were not honest and truthful in all situations. We even try to hide from ourselves when we realize that we are responsible for our own mistakes. Lord, do not remove yourself from us. Forgive us, we pray, for the many sins, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and lies. Fill us with your grace and blot out our transgressions. Give us genuine love for each other, we pray. We thank you for the assurance of your forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Even though we have often failed to do as our Lord Jesus has asked, yet there is eternal forgiveness and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you. Be his witnesses throughout the world. 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 #157**

Jesus Shall Reign

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**OFFERTORY**

Adoration in C Major - Christian Heinrich Rinck

**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)*

*Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy 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 #706** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Soon and Very Soon

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**BENEDICTION**

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

Soon and Very Soon - Andraé Crouch/arr. Jack Schrader

## **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.*

### **Advent Sing-a-Long & Parish Dinner – December 4th 6:00 PM**

*Please join us on December 4th at 6:00 PM in the Dice Hall. A meal of lasagna and salad will be provided by Osteria. Feel free to bring your family and a dessert. Please RSVP to Saunders by Noon, Monday, December 2nd at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org).*

### **Memorial Services**

*Robert Patterson on Friday, Dec. 6th at 10:00. The Pattersons lived in Burlingame.*

*Andy Harvill on Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 PM.*

### **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 of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. E-mail prayer requests to [LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com).*

### **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.*

*Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. Especially for Jon Finstrom.*

*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.*

## **STAFF & LAY OLUNTEERS**

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## We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!



# Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from  
 prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72)  
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET  
 LM

# Soon and Very Soon

706

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;  
(Hal-le-lu-jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;  
(Hal-le-lu-jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

- 2. No more dy-ing there,
- 3. No more cry-ing there,

WORDS: Andraé Crouch, 1978 (Rev. 21:3-4)  
MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1978; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

VERY SOON  
Irr.

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