



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
February 9th, 2025

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Community Worship Service
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 9th

10:00 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings by Michael Joncas Setting by John Carter

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

The voice of God is calling:

"Whom shall I send?"

We are here to answer God's call.

The voice of Christ is calling:

"Who will be my faithful disciples?"

We are here to answer Christ's call.

The voice of Spirit is calling:

"Who will be a light to the nations?"

We are here. Send us, we pray!

HYMN #400

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Located in the back of the bulletin - (Printed w/ permission)

OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, Triune God,
is as unfathomable as the deep,
as alluring as the night sky.***

***When all seems lost,
call us from the wreckage of our lives.
Grant us the ability and the will to hear your call
and bless us with the grace
to embrace your promised salvation.***

***Help us face our fears,
that we might remain sure-footed
on our journey of faith.***

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13 - Send me

- 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- 6:2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- 6:3 And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
- 6:4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- 6:5 And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
- 6:6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- 6:7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."
- 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"
- 6:9 And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'
- 6:10 Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed."
- 6:11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;
- 6:12 until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
- 6:13 Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." (The holy seed is its stump.)

Psalm 138 - Your love endures forever (Psalter Lesson) (Pg. 853 UMH)

(Please read the bold text)

138:1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

138:2 **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;** for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

138:3 On the day I called, you answered me; you strengthened my life.

138:4 All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, **for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

138:5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, **for great is the glory of the Lord.**

138:6 For though the Lord is high, but regards the lowly, **yet knows the haughty from afar.**

138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; **you stretch out your hand, against the wrath of my enemies and your right hand delivers me.**

138:8 O Lord will fulfill your purpose for me; **O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - Witnesses to the risen Christ (Epistle Reading)

15:1 Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,

15:2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

15:3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures

15:4 and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures

15:5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

- 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 15:10 But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me.
- 15:11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Luke 5:1-11 - Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people (Gospel)
(Please stand as you are able)

- 5:1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,
- 5:2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
- 5:3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
- 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
- 5:5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."
- 5:6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.
- 5:7 So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.
- 5:8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
- 5:9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,
- 5:10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."
- 5:11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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.)*

*O Lord,
forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.
Through your Spirit,
we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.
Forgive us when we are shackled
by our narrow understandings of discipleship
and our clouded sense of purpose.
Through your Spirit,
we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.
Forgive us when we are frightened of the future
or pull back from the demand of your calling.
Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,
and to trust you for our future.
Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship.
We come together as your disciples.
We seek renewed and renewing faith.
Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.
Touch us now with your Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for forgiveness. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Hear the good news, our names have been written
in the book of life.*

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 *(The Nicene Creed)*

(Please stand as able)

*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 #593

Here I Am Lord

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OFFERTORY

Prelude in B Minor, Op. 28, No. 6 by Frederic Chopin

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)

***Ever-faithful God, who calls us into the deep waters of faith and trust, we offer
these gifts with open hearts. Transform our offerings into acts of love and
service, so that we may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into
your embrace. Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of
people in your abundant grace. 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
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Setting by John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar for January, February and March are from **Paula and Fred Markert and Jim and Beth Holimon in memory of their mothers.***

Administrative Council Meeting

The first Administrative Council for 2025 will be on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Minnich conference room. Please reach out to Scott Walter with questions.

Spring Bible Study

*The **Spring Bible Study** will begin on **Sunday, March 9th at 8:45 AM** in the **Bill Minnich Conference room**. This is a come as you can Bible Study and a study guide will be provided. It will be led by Don Henderson. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net.*

Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Up Calendars

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

Prayer Ministry

*The **Prayer Ministry** meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM** in the church. If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to 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 on Thursdays.***

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

***Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. Please continue to pray for Thomas Blackstock as he is on a new chemo treatment and loves cards; they brighten his days. His address is:
Thomas Blackstock, 28 Hidden Ln. #58, Sapphire, NC 28774.***

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 especially for the Saul family as Connie and Robin were killed in a one car accident on 1/21/25.

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

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

NETTLETON
 87.87 D

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Refrain (Harmony)

Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
77.74 D with Refrain

CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows the vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me."

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff shows the vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I will hold your peo - ple in my heart."

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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.

United Methodist Hymnal 438
 WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749
 MUSIC (DUKE STREET, LM): John Hatton, 1793