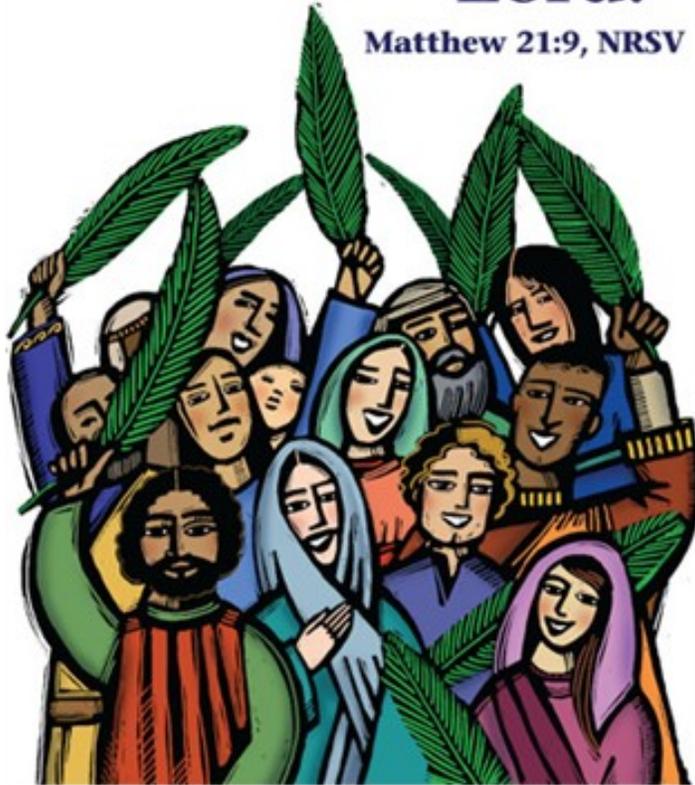


**Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
April 13th, 2025

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Palm Sunday in Lent, April 13th

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Setting by David Cherwien

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

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

We shout hosanna!

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God! We shout hosanna and wave our palms!

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God! Hosanna!

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

HYMN #278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***Foundation of our faith,
your Son humbled himself on the back of a colt.***

***Then he entered Jerusalem in lowly estate
to bring joy to the hearts of children.***

Forsaking his place at your side,

Jesus emptied himself of prestige and power to become a servant to all.

***On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more,
that we too may dance with the children—***

for to such belong the kingdom of heaven.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:14-29 - The Passover praise psalm (Psalter Lesson) ***(UMH Pg. 839) (Please read the bold text)***

- 118:14 The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.
- 118:15 **There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:** "The right hand on 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 chastened me solely, but has not given 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 which the builders rejected has become the 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.**
- 118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! **O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**
- 118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**
- 118:27 The Lord is God, who has given us light. **Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!**
- 118:28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- 118:29 O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

Luke 19:28-40 - Entrance into the final days (Gospel) ***(Please stand as you are able)***

- 19:28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
- 19:29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,
- 19:30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

- 19:31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"
- 19:32 So, those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.
- 19:33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
- 19:34 They said, "The Lord needs it."
- 19:35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.
- 19:36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.
- 19:37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
- 19:38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"
- 19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."
- 19:40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.)

Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like the right path. Walk the road with Jesus, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful; for you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want you to do what we direct. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. We pray in humility and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice, the Lord has come into your presence. You are the beloved ones of God. Know that God walks with you through this parade and time of celebration and in all the times ahead.
AMEN.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #882 (Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version)

(Please stand as able)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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 #280

All Glory, Laud and Honor
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OFFERTORY

Festival Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke/arr. Jon Spong

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)*

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. 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 #160 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Rejoice, The Lord Is King (DARWALL) Setting by Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

Today's flowers are given by Tom and Kay Blackstock in memory of Thomas Blackstock, their son.

Spring Bible Study

The Spring Bible Study is Sunday mornings, at 8:45 AM in the Bill Minnich Conference room. This is a come as you can Bible Study and a study guide is available. Don Henderson is leading the Bible Study. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net.

Tenebrae Service

Our Tenebrae service will be on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunday Service

Our Easter Sunday service will be on Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 AM.

Parish Dinner

We will be having our next parish dinner on **April 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Dice Hall**. It will be a Mexican themed with Cinco de Mayo approaching. Please keep nuts and cheese on the side due to food allergies.

Administrative Council Meetings

The following dates have been scheduled for the remaining Administrative Council meetings for 2025: **Friday, June 6; Friday, August 22; and Friday, October 24. The meeting times are 10:00 AM in the Bill Minnich conference room.**

No More Hymns in Bulletins & on Our Website

After April 20 (Easter Sunday), the weekly email of the bulletin will no longer include the hymn texts with music. The Church Website will not have the hymns either. If you participate at home and sing the hymns or follow in the hymnal, Pastor Marcus would like to suggest you go to **www.Cokesbury.com** and search for the UMC hymnal and purchase one for home use. The hymnals are available at a cost of \$28.99; there is a large print version also. There will be additional costs related to shipping and taxes. This change is prompted by a need to be in compliance with copyright laws. Pastor Marcus polled several regular on-line worshippers and learned most do not use the hymns, but we wanted to give you advance notice so you could have the hymnal to join in singing if you desire.

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 at **administrator@laketoxawayumc.org** before 5:00 PM the Wednesday 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 pray for those having or had a surgery, acute illness or injury and their recovery.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one. We especially pray for Dan & Kay Johnson. Dan's mother died earlier this week. Their address is: Dan & Kay Johnson | P.O. Box 777 | Sapphire, NC 28774

Nancy & Don Henderson. Nancy Henderson's cousin, for whom she was guardian, died unexpectedly this week. His name is Mike Harrison.

Nancy & Don Henderson's address is: 12076 Rosman Hwy., Lake Toxaway, NC 28747

We pray for Tom and Kay Blackstock and family as they grieve the loss of Thomas. Thomas Blackstock died 3/20/25 after his valiant fight with cancer. Kay and Tom are thankful to the entire congregation for all of your prayers and support throughout this

very difficult period of time. Their address is: Tom & Kay Blackstock, 208 Hidden Ln. #58, Sapphire, NC 28774.

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

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Livestream Chair: Joe Haraschak: 813-918-1916

Liturgist: Beth Holimon

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch way - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jeanette Threlfall, 1873 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Jn. 12:12-13)
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784; adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

ELLACOMBE
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280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho-rus make re - ply.
 our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

ST. THEODULPH
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160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joyce, re-joyce,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 (Ps. 20:4; 147:1; Phil. 4:4)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

MARION
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