

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
October 27th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 27th

**9:30 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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

L: In the midst of darkness, there is light.

P: In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

L: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

P: Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

L: Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

P: Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.

L: Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

P: Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

L: Transform our lives.

P: Reform our souls.

L: Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

P: Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy, O Lord.

HYMN # 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 - Job's restoration

- 42:1 Then Job answered the Lord:
- 42:2 "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- 42:3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know.
- 42:4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'
- 42:5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
- 42:6 therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."
- 42:10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- 42:11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.
- 42:12 The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.
- 42:13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.
- 42:14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.
- 42:15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.
- 42:16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations.
- 42:17 And Job died, old and full of days.

Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22) - Taste and see (UMH pg. 769) ***(Psalter Lesson) (Please read the bold text)***

- 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 34:2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.**
- 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.
- 34:4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**
- 34:5 Look to God, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

34:6 This poor cried out, and the Lord was heard, and saved them out of all their troubles.

34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God, and delivers them.

34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them.

34:20 The Lord keeps all their bones; not one of them is broken.

34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

34:22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

Hebrews 7:23-28 - Christ, the merciful high priest (Epistle Reading)

7:23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;

7:24 but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever.

7:25 Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

7:26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

7:27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.

7:28 For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46-52 - Christ heals blind Bartimaeus (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

10:47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

- 10:50 So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.
- 10:51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."
- 10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.)*

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but, actually, we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon you. You have been healed and made whole in God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 *(Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39)* ***(Please stand as you are able)***

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No,

In all things we are more than conquerors

Through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,

*nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! 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 #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Adagio cantabile from Sonata in C minor by Beethoven

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)

Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, and we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. As we reflect on the story of Bartimaeus, we bring our offerings as a response to your call, a step in faith to follow you more closely. Use these gifts to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. 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 #451 (Please stand as you are able)

Be Thou My Vision
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

To God Be the Glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pianist

Please extend a warm welcome to **Patti Black** this week. We are always excited to have her here.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are **given by Quint & Kim Jardin in appreciation for our pastor, Rev. Marcus Dodson.**

Annual Charge Conference

The **Annual Charge Conference** for LTUMC will be today, **Sunday, October 27th at 4:00 PM at St. Timothy's UMC in Brevard** (by the hospital). We need participation from our church. **Please let Marcus know if you can attend.**

Service time change – Next Sunday - November 3rd

We will be having Sunday services starting at **10:00 AM starting on Sunday, November 3rd when we set our clocks back an hour.**

The Prayer Ministry – Day Change to Wednesdays 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

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.**

Bible Study – Sunday Mornings at 8:45 AM beginning Nov. 3rd

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.

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 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.**

Scheduling Meeting Space

We are excited we have more space for meetings. If you need to have a meeting with your committee or 1:1, please check with Saunders to see if the space is available. We recently had two unscheduled meetings when another person was told no one would be in the church or sanctuary.

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

We congratulate and pray for Maggie and Zack, Marcus' oldest daughter and son-in-law for their wedding on 10/19/24. May they have a Christ filled marriage.

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

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. Especially for Doug Bailey, Judy Lefler and Bobby Richardson.

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.

We continue to pray who were impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We thank all of our local volunteers who have served hot meals, collected blankets and handed them out and all the out of state linemen, tree cutters and volunteers.

STAFF & LAY OLUNTEERS

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Organist: Various

Church Administrator: Saunders Grommesh, 469-569-2314, administrator@laketoxawayumc.org

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

Liturgist: Scott Walter

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66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

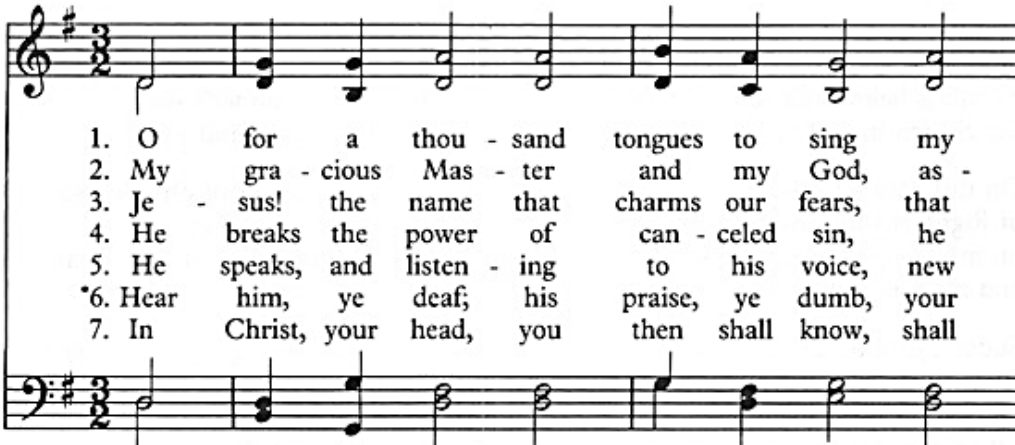
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

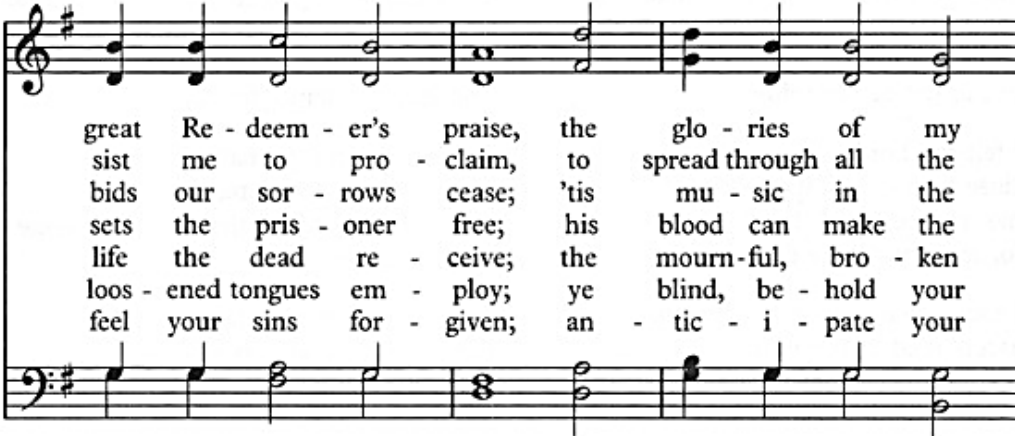
LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Alt. tune: RICHMOND

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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