



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
All Saints Day, Sunday, November 3rd, 2024*

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Community Worship Service & Communion
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**9:30 A.M. Livestream is now available via the LTUMC YouTube channel:
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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Come, Come Ye Saints" William Blanchard

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

"Let there be light!"

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

"I am the Light of the world."

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God's light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

And let us worship God.

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are kind beyond measure,

who set the example for humility.

With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.

HYMN #723

Shall We Gather at the River

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OPENING PRAYER

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things.

***You promise to wipe away every tear,
that death and mourning will be no more.***

You make your home among us,

*and abide with us as our God.
Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,
that we may truly be your people,
living and doing your will,
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 - The righteous are with God

- 3:1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
- 3:2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died and their departure was thought to be an affliction,
- 3:3 And their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.
- 3:4 For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- 3:5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
- 3:6 like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
- 3:7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- 3:8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples and the Lord will reign over them forever.
- 3:9 Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Psalm 24 - The King of glory shall come in (UMH pg. 755) ***(Psalter Lesson) (Please read the bold text)***

- 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, **the world, and those who dwell therein;**
- 24:2 for God has founded it upon the seas, **and established it upon the rivers.**
- 24:3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? **And who shall stand in God's holy place?**
- 24:4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, **who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**
- 24:5 They will receive blessing from the Lord **and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

- 24:6 Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord, **who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
- 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the Ruler of glory may come in!
- 24:8 **Who is the Ruler of glory?** The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
- 24:9 **Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the Ruler of glory may come in!**
- 24:10 Who is this Ruler of glory? **The Lord of hosts, the Lord is the Ruler of glory!**

Revelation 21:1-6 - New heaven and new earth (Epistle Reading)

- 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- 21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;
- 21:4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
- 21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- 21:6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

John 11:32-44 - The raising of Lazarus (Gospel)

(Please stand as you are able)

- 11:32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
- 11:34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."
- 11:35 Jesus began to weep
- 11:36 So, the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
- 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

- 11:38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.
- 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."
- 11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"
- 11:41 So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.
- 11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."
- 11:43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!"
- 11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION 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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

"Brother James' Air" (The Lord's My Shepherd) arranged by Dale Wood

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Just as you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #617

I Come with Joy

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises

*the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

"Pie Jesu" from Requiem Gabriel Fauré arr. D. H. Pettit

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #545

The Church's One Foundation
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

For All The Saints Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Hal Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist

*We welcome **Charlotte Gilmore** today as our organist. She has been a church musician since her California youth, first as an accompanist, then as an organist/choir director serving various denominations. **She and her husband Charles first discovered Transylvania County nearly a quarter century ago, and have called it "home" since 2002.** She is pleased to be able to fill in at LTUMC while a new permanent organist is sought! **She will be with us today – December 1st.***

New Service Time

Our new Sunday service is at 10:00 AM.

Bible Study – Sunday Mornings

The Bible study meets on Sundays at 8:45 AM in the Minnich Conference room.

Winter Liturgists (Readers) Needed

We need volunteers to read over the winter months for our Sunday service. Please email Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org if interested.

Livestream Volunteers Needed

*We have 4 volunteers to help with the livestream, but we need more to lighten the load. Training is easy and you have help and support as needed. If you are interested, please reach out to **Joe Haraschak** at joe10066@outlook.com.*

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*

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.*

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. 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 VOLUNTEERS

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

Liturgist: Cynthia Wood

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Shall We Gather at the River 723

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil - ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

Refrain
 by the throne of God?
 hap - py gold - en day. Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.

the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; gath - er with the

saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1864 (Rev. 22:1-5)
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE
 87.87 with Refrain

I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE
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545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

AURELIA
 76.76 D

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

LIVING GOD
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