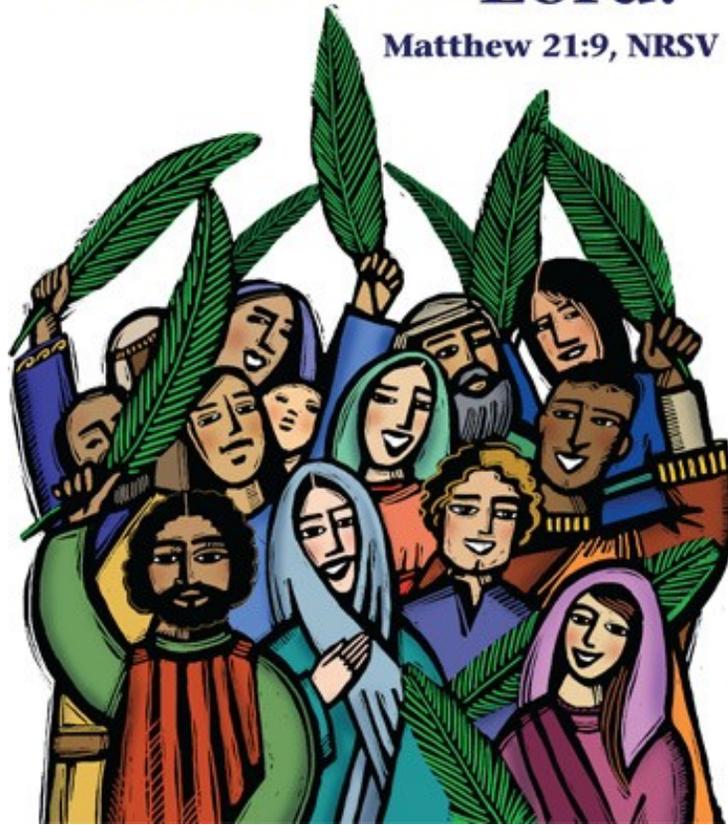


**Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
March 24th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Palm Sunday, March 24th

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Michael Burkhardt

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

This day is the Lord's, created for joy.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hosanna to Christ, the blessed child of God.

Hosanna to God in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Hosanna to God in the highest!

This day is the Lord's, created for love.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

God of grace and glory,

blessed is your Son, Christ Jesus,
and blessed is your holy name.

As we bless your name and sing with joy,
awaken our ears to hear your word;

awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom.

As we rejoice in this day that you have made,
help us hear even the hard news
of Christ's suffering and death.

As we celebrate your presence with palms and praises,
guide us to live your teachings,

even when the path is painful and difficult.

May your presence flow through us
into your world.

In the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)

- 118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
- 118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- 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 that the builders rejected has become the chief 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, and he has given us light. Bind 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, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Mark 11:1-11 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 11:1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples
- 11:2 and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.
- 11:3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"
- 11:4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,
- 11:5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"
- 11:6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.
- 11:7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.
- 11:8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
- 11:9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

11:10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11:11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

At the name of Jesus, may every knee bend, every tongue confess, and every soul trust that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of us all. In trust and hope, let us confess our sins before God, first in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

Holy Father, humble us as we come to you in prayer.

***Uncover the masks that obscure our vision
and keep us from facing our true selves.***

***Hold us close in our weakness,
that we may find the courage to lean on your grace
and rest in your forgiveness.***

***Bless us with humility, love, and mercy,
that we may be merciful, humble, and loving
to everyone we meet, even ourselves. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's face of love shines upon us.

*Christ's eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls
with mercy and compassion.*

*The Spirit's sustenance offers us grace and hope,
that we may rise and walk forth in joy.*

Hosanna! Hosanna!

*Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of 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.***

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Tell me the Stories of Jesus
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Wondrous Love Don Hustad

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)*

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose 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 #298 *(Please stand as you are able)*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Toccata E minor Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tenebrae Service & Volunteer Liturgists Needed

Our Tenebrae Communion service will be on Maudy Thursday, 3/28 at 7:30 PM.

We are needing 11 volunteer liturgists to read from your own Bibles for the Tenebra service. If you are interested, please contact Marcus at marcus61dodson@gmail.com

Interment of Arlene Hendrix

The Hendrix family is having Arlene Hendrix interred on **Saturday, March 30th at 3:00 or 3:30 PM in the Memorial Garden.**

Livestream Volunteers Needed

*Have you watched our service live or wanted to catch a certain part again like Marcus' homily from one of your devices? If so, our Livestream/Audio & Visual volunteer team provides this for us. We have an urgent need for new volunteers to be trained and sign-up for weekends. Please call or text **Fred Markert at 828-553-3303.***

Outreach Volunteer Opportunities to Feed Those at The Haven

*We have been asked to feed those staying at The Haven, our local homeless shelter in Brevard for the following weekends. If you are interested, please e-mail **Judy Lefler at judylefler1@gmail.com.***

- **March 22 – John and Judy L.**
- **July 5 (open)**
- **October 25 (open)**

Flowers Sign-Up

We are going digital for the flowers on the altar. Please look at our LTUMC calendar on our website: <https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php> to check for open Sundays.

Please send an e-mail (not a text or phone call) to Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org. Be sure to include the date and what the flowers are for as it will be put in our bulletin. This will be a first come first serve and the sign-up is starting for May as April flowers have been filled.

Construction Update

Things are really moving along with the buildings and outside work. Stacked stones are being used as our retaining wall in the upper parking lot, and around the base of the new Fellowship Hall. Large exterior lighting has been added to the outside of the buildings. The exterior painting has been completed. Interior trim work has been done and the cabinets in the kitchen and in coffee bar area.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. We pray for Andy Harvill, and Steve, Joe Haraschak's brother. Please pray for Sherry Minnich's sister, Leigh Ashman who has kidney cancer. We also pray for Leslie Brown who has cancer.

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. Especially for Barb Kline & family, Carol Mullett & family and the Hendrix family.

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

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Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill - AV Scheduler: Fred Markert: 828-553-3303

Liturgist: Tom Blackstock

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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 wav - 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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277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Unison (Optional S.A.)

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;
wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,
words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,
one of his her - als, yes, I would sing

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.
loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

WORDS: William H. Parker, 1885 (Mt. 19:13-15; 21:8-9;
Mk. 10:13-16; 11:8-10; Jn. 12:13)
MUSIC: Frederick A. Challinor, 1903

STORIES OF JESUS
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LIFE AND TEACHING, *see further:*

432 Jesu, Jesu

398 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F C F Gm/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

5 F B \flat /F F C/B \flat F/A C⁷/G F C

on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 that were an of - fering far too small;

9 F C F G/B \flat D/F \sharp Gm F/C C F

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

United Methodist Hymnal 298
 WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)
 MUSIC (HAMBURG LM): Lowell Mason, 1824