



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church  
Community Worship Service & Communion  
Third Sunday in Lent, March 3rd**

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

**PRELUDE**

Andante J. S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Lenten travelers, why are you here?*

***We gather to do the work of worship.***

*Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?*

***We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.***

*Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?*

***We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.***

*Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?*

***God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.***

*Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!*

***Come, let us worship God together! Amen.***

**HYMN #66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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**OPENING PRAYER**

***Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us  
an eternal house, a temple of righteousness,  
a place of gracious plenty for the hungry  
and abundant life for the poor in spirit.***

***Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ.***

***Overturn the tables of corruption and greed  
and upset the imbalance of injustice,***

***so that we may worship you in spirit and truth;  
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.***

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

- 20:1 Then God spoke all these words:
- 20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
- 20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.
- 20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,
- 20:6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 20:7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
- 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.
- 20:10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.
- 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.
- 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- 20:13 You shall not murder.
- 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.
- 20:15 You shall not steal.
- 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Psalm 19 (Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)**

- 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
- 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
- 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- 19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- 19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
- 19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Epistle Reading)**

- 1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
- 1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.
- 1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

- 1:23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
1:24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
1:25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**John 2:13-22 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 2:13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
2:14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.  
2:15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.  
2:16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"  
2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."  
2:18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"  
2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."  
2:20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"  
2:21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body.  
2:22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*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)**

***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**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

***With hearts of sorrow,  
we come before you, O God,  
to confess what you already know—  
we have failed to keep your laws.  
Again and again,  
we have followed our own selfish will,  
rather than your holy and life-giving will  
for our lives.  
We have twisted your decrees and institutions  
to suit our preconceptions and interests  
rather than your own.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and cleanse us from hidden faults,  
that the words of our mouths,  
and the meditations of all our hearts,  
may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.***

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***God shows steadfast love  
and blesses to the thousandth generation  
those who [follow] God's ways.  
In love, God sent Jesus  
to bless and redeem God's people.***

*God forgives us our sins  
and restores us to new life.  
Let us rejoice in God's mercy.*

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.***

## **OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY**

Sicilano J. S. Bach

## **DOXOLOGY #95**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Holy One, you shape our lives with great beauty,  
showing us paths that leads to righteousness  
and blessing.***

***We bring these gifts with grateful hearts,  
that you may use them to build your community  
of justice and righteousness.***

***We offer you our very lives,  
knowing that you will lead us in the path  
of holy service. Amen.***

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION #420**

Breathe on me Breath of God  
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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 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 #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory  
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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)**

Bourree J. S. Bach

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are **given by Barb Kline in loving memory of Jerry Kline.**

### **Guest Flutist**

We welcome **Linda Threatte** today as our guest musician. Linda performs with the Brevard Community Band and the Brevard Philharmonic Orchestra. She also teaches private flute lessons.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. We pray for Andy Harvill, Don Guffey 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 also 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. Please pray for Barbara Kline as Jerry Kline passed away on 2/10/24. The Mullet family as Ted Mullett passed on 2/20/24, and the Hendrix family as Arlene Hendrix passed on 2/23/24.**

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

### **Bill Minnich Scholar Updates:**

**Brennan Chapman graduates in May 2024 from Mars Hill with a nursing degree. He has also played football for Mars Hill. He has already accepted a nursing position at Mission. Brennan interned there last summer and needs two years of nursing experience before he would qualify for the traveling nurse program which is his ultimate goal.**

**Wyatt Owen is studying diesel engineering at AB Tech. He has 4 A's and a B. Wyatt is working almost full-time already for a company that sells and services John Deere equipment.**

**"Kiki" – Quiriat Reynaldo is taking classes at AB Tech three days a week and is studying for a certain exam that will put her into the full dental hygienist program.**

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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 - sored, 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

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

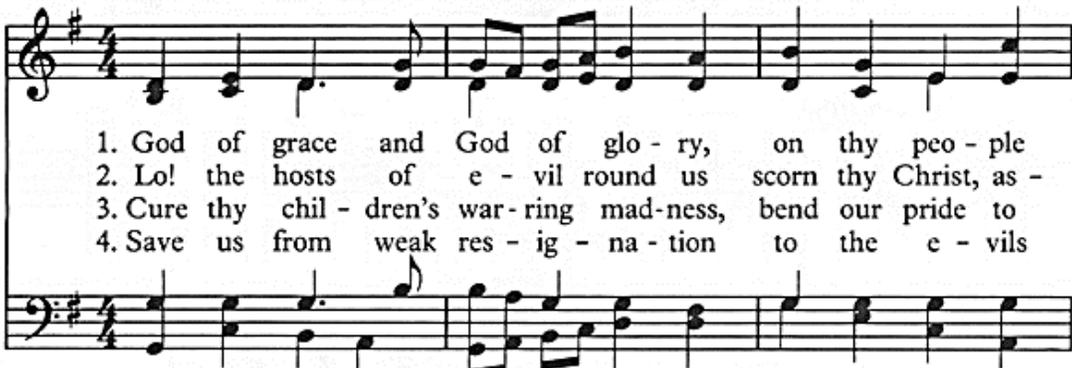
1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

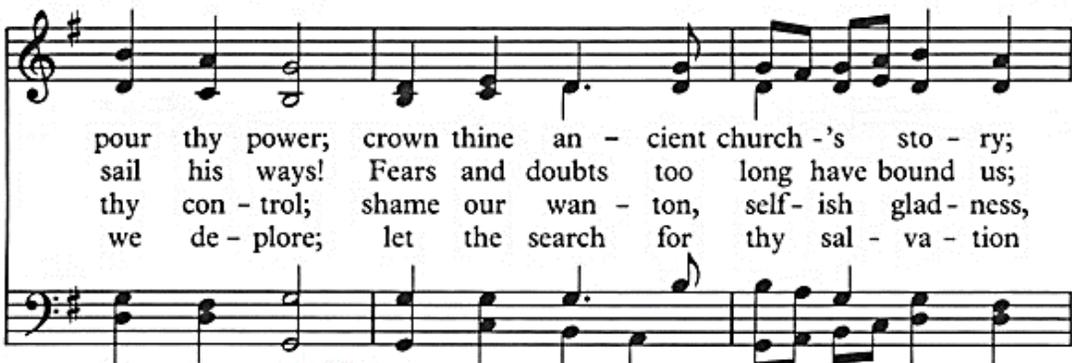
WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)  
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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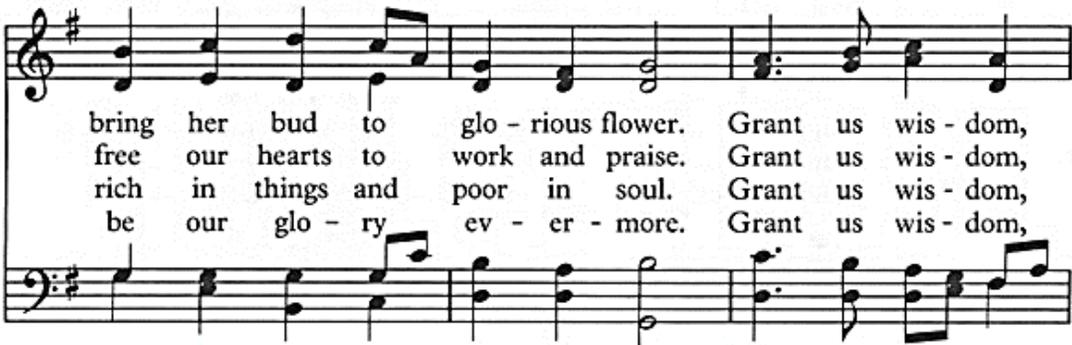
## 577 God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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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

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