



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Third Sunday after Easter, April 14th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg)

**RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.***

**PRELUDE**

Be Thou My Vision    Dale Wood

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

*L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!*

***P: We are called to be Easter people!***

*L: Darkness cannot claim us!*

***P: Fear cannot bind us!***

*L: Christ is risen!*

***P: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!***

**HYMN #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Acts 3:12-19

- 3:12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?
- 3:13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.
- 3:14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,
- 3:15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
- 3:16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.
- 3:17 "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
- 3:18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.
- 3:19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

### Psalm 4 (Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)

- 4:1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- 4:2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah**
- 4:3 But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4:4 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah**
- 4:5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 4:6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**
- 4:7 You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.
- 4:8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

### **1 John 3:1-7 (Epistle Reading)**

- 3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
- 3:3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
- 3:4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
- 3:5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
- 3:6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.
- 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### **Luke 24:36b-48 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 24:36b While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- 24:37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
- 24:38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"
- 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
- 24:40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
- 24:41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
- 24:42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
- 24:43 and he took it and ate in their presence.
- 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."
- 24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
- 24:46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
- 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

*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.)*

***Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.***

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.*

***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 #314**

In the Garden

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**OFFERTORY**

O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing Michael Burkhardt

**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)**

***Author of life and Giver of all gifts,  
we thank you for the many blessings of our lives.  
Receive now these gifts  
and transform them  
with the power of your love.  
May they become witnesses to your resurrection,  
proclaiming your power and forgiveness  
in our community and throughout the world.***

**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)*

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice and Sing Charles Callahan

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

***The flowers on the altar are given by Judy and John Lefler for the glory of God to the LTUMC congregation.***

### **The New Building Space Consecration**

***Please mark your calendar to celebrate our consecration of our new space on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. More details to follow closer to the date.***

### **Construction Update**

***We are due to be able to start using the new Fellowship Hall and remodeled conference room, office and kitchen on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. We plan to have coffee hour after the service.***

### **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** or **Marcus**.*

### **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 weekend. If you are interested, please e-mail **Judy Lefler at judylefler1@gmail.com**. The current open weekend is July 5<sup>th</sup>.*

### **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.***

## **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. Especially for Sherry Minnich who had surgery on 4-9. Patricia Simmons who had surgery on 4-10.***

***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.***

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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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## In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone while the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-

still on the ros-es, and the voice I hear fall-ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me  
 round me be fall-ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

*Refrain*

the Son of God dis-clos-es.  
 with-in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 his voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)  
 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987  
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GARDEN  
 89.557 with Refrain

## 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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