



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
May 26th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Trinity Sunday, May 26th

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

Introduction and Prelude on Holy, Holy, Holy

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

God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.

We know you are always with us.

Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

We know you are always with us.

But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.

Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN # 64

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8

- 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
- 6:2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.
- 6:3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
- 6:4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
- 6:5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
- 6:6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- 6:7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."
- 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalm 29 (Psalter Lesson – Please read the bold text)

- 29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- 29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.**
- 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**
- 29:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 29:9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**
- 29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- 29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Romans 8:12-17 (Epistle Reading)

- 8:12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--
- 8:13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- 8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3:1-17 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 3:1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
- 3:2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."
- 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."
- 3:4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"
- 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.
- 3:6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 3:7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'
- 3:8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- 3:9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
- 3:10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
- 3:11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.
- 3:12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
- 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- 3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

3:17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.)

Almighty and Eternal God, we gather in a spirit of joy to worship Your Holy Name and declare the mystery of the Trinity. For we have felt the Your spirit blow through our lives. We celebrate your blessings, the magnificence of your mercy and the moments when your grace has touched our lives and brought depth and meaning to our living. May your spirit breathe life and energy into our worship. May it stir within us that our hearts and minds will respond to your liberating and redeeming Word.

At the same time, gracious God, we remember that we are not the people you would have us be. We offer up the thoughts, emotions and actions that have created a sinful spirit and separated us from your grace and goodness. Forgive our failings, our weaknesses and our shortcomings. Erase them from our hearts and create within us a new spirit so devoted to your ways that we respond to your call to reach out and touch the lives of others in service to your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. May your precepts guide us, your Holy Spirit sustain us, and your Son show us the way to discipleship and wholeness of life. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love of the world is so great that God sent Jesus that we may truly live lives of peace and hope. Listen with your hearts as well as your ears. God's love is poured out for you that you may have new life in service and witness. Praise be to God.

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

HYMN #395

Take time to Be Holy
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Meditation on Holy, Holy Holy

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)*

Loving God, as we gather, we recall Isaiah's humbling encounter with your overwhelming presence. Like him, we're unworthy yet grateful for glimpsing your glory. In stewardship, may our generosity reflect gratitude for your blessings. Guide us in discipleship, knowing and serving you. With every gift, we express our commitment to follow your call. May we humbly say, "Here am I, send me!" 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 #400 *(Please stand as you are able)*

Come, Thou Fount of Ever Blessing
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Finale on Holy, Holy, Holy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar the flowers on the altar are given by **Elizabeth and Kevin Dice** in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary and **the Minnich's** 52nd wedding anniversary.

Thank You Toxaway Falls Garden Club for an amazing donation for our new landscaping! We are extremely grateful for this and volunteers on 5/18 & 5/25. If you want to join, the garden club please reach out to Lysa Riggs lysariggs@gmail.com.

Thank you all Planting Volunteers

Thank you to **all the volunteers** who helped plant on the new west rock wall and railroad tie wall around the church. Everything looks great! Thank you to **Paula Markert** for coordinating and leading the volunteers. Her guidance was paramount and appreciated.

Outreach Update

Your LTUMC Outreach Committee annually disperses to scholars and Transylvania County non-profits at least 50% of the general annual collections. The 2023 congregational financial support to these entities and young people totaled over \$155,000.00.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the exciting Outreach efforts, see or email Fred Markert (fredmarkert47@gmail.com).

One of our committee needs is to expand our scholar/church partner program to have at least one partner for each of the 20 scholars we support.

What do partners do?

Partner connection suggestions for scholar mentoring.

1. Send words of encouragement and prayers.
2. Use texting and iMessage attempts to connect rather than email or phone calls.
3. Possibly send small gifts, gas card, Starbucks card, box of chocolates and greeting cards, remembering their birthday, graduation and exam times.
4. Remind your scholar partner about the obligation to come to our church service once per year.
5. Meet them for lunch.
6. Ask student at least once per semester for class updates, family "going ons", outings or experiences with friends and/or concerns.
7. Offer to be a neutral sounding board. If applicable, involve your spouse.
8. Remind them to reapply when necessary.
9. Fill them in about YOUR life (lives).
10. Each partner needs to become familiar with the scholar program. You can find virtually everything online (church website) including applications, timeline and program outline.
11. If a student partner is not connecting with you, see Fred Markert.

Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

Please sign up on the new calendars for coffee hour and flowers on the altar. They are located in our new parish building.

Parish Building Consecration – June 30th

*We will consecrate our new parish building on Sunday, **June 30th 2-5 PM.** It will be open to the public.*

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.

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 continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff as the school year is drawing to a close.

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64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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