



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
All Saint's Sunday

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
All Saints Day, Sunday, November 2nd**



We have a closed hearing loop system. You may be able to turn your hearing device to the "T" setting and receive the signal directly to your hearing device. We also have headsets in the narthex if your device does not have a "T" setting.

To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service, please observe silence during the prelude.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

HYMN #711 For All the Saints

OPENING PRAYER

Father of Creation, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 The holy ones of the Most High

7 In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Psalm 149 Sing praise in the congregation

¹ Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the
peoples, ⁸ to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with
chains of iron, ⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 1: 11-23 God made Christ head over all

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having destined
according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things
according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first
to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his
glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were
marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the
pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own
people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in
the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you
in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among

the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6: 20-31 Jesus speaks blessings and woes

(Please stand as you are able)

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

(Please stand as you are able)

THE GLORIA PATRI #70

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Aria (Song)

Gordon Young

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

I Come with Joy #617

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.

HYMN # 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 Spirit of the Living God

POSTLUDE Improvisation

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is All Saints Sunday, a day when we acknowledge that we are all saints by the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. We remember and celebrate all those Christian individuals who have contributed to our

church community and our individual lives as mentors, guides, prayer warriors, Sunday School teachers, pastors and others who have joined the Church Eternal in Heaven. We especially remember those from this congregation who have died in the previous year and will call their names during the communion liturgy:

Andy Harvill, Thomas Blackstock, Polly Lefaivre, Hal Frye, and Jack Jeter

The Bible Study meets on Sundays at 8:45 AM in the Minnich Conference room. All are welcome.

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. For Flowers please e-mail Beth Holimon at roxy1011@gmail.com.

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.

AA Meetings Thursday Nights

The weekly AA meeting is every Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. 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

Steve and John Haraschak, brothers of Joe Haraschak, Adam Prusiecki, Sally and Doug Bailey, Leslie Brown, Saunders Grommesh and our silent requests and concerns.

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