



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sixth Sunday in Pentecost

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Community Worship Service
Sunday, July 20th

10:00 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service, please observe silence during the prelude.*

PRELUDE - The King of Love My Shepherd Is Setting by Raymond Haan

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come into God's presence,

like green olive trees in the house of God.

We drink deep from the waters of life,

like young saplings in the courtyard of the Lord.

We ripen in the light of God,

like the fruit of God's vineyard.

Come! Let us worship.

HYMN #546 - *The Church's One Foundation*

OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 46 - God's Defense of His City and People (Psalter Lesson) **(UMH Pg. 780) (Please read the bold text)**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
- 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day.
- 6 **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth;
- 9 **who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, he breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!**
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"
- 11 **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Luke 10:38-42 - Choosing the better part (Gospel) **(Please stand as you are able)**

- 10:38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
- 10:39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying.
- 10:40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."
- 10:41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,
- 10:42 but few things are needed--indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING – *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***Forgive us, O God, when we limit you – When we remake you in our image,
When we claim our causes as your own,
When we box you in,
And explain you away,
And in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.
Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:
Awaken us to your glory,
Confound us by your love,
Shower us with grace so that we will be made new,
Recreated in your image,
Grateful for all that we cannot know.
In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #883 (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

***to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

We are not alone.

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 - For All the Faithful Women (See last page)

OFFERING

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY - Homeward Bound Marta Keen

DOXOLOGY #94 - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

(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

Holy and Redeeming God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #399 - Take My Life, and Let It be

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Improvisation

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Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Frank & Susan Stark in honor of Hannah, their granddaughter for her 21st birthday.

Guest Pastor – Rev. Kelli Mullinex

Rev. Kelli Mullinex is from Asheville and a Mars Hill University graduate. She received a Master of Sacred Music from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and a Master of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary. She served churches in Texas, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Kelli is an Elder in Full Connection the WNC Conference of the United Methodist Church and serves as the Spiritual Care Associate/Chaplain for Givens Estates, a retirement community in Asheville. She is married to comic writer Jeff Messer, and they have three children in college.

Soloist - Vocalist Olivia Hoyt

A warm welcome to our vocal soloist, Olivia Hoyt. She is from Iowa and a student at Brevard College. A major in Music Education with a minor in Theatre. Olivia is also an assistant ballroom dance instructor. She has any talents.

Summer Bible Study

The summer Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM in the Minnich Conference room. All are welcome! This is a come as you can Bible Study and a study guide is provided. It is led by Don Henderson. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net

Flowers on the Altar & Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

While signing up to host a coffee hour, please consider signing up for flowers on the altar. Please let Saunders know by Wednesday at 5:00 PM on how you want it to read in the bulletin.

The Prayer Ministry

Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. Please e-mail prayer requests 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 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. We especially pray for Bob Palmer, Kathy Palmer, our pianist's husband who had a stroke last week. Please pray for his recovery.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery, acute illness or injury and their recovery. We pray for Paula Markert who fell. She saw a hand specialist and she will have surgery on her hand and wrist Wednesday afternoon. She will be staying with her daughter in Raleigh for the next two weeks. Her address is Paula Markert, P.O. 10, Lake Toxaway, NC 28747.

We continue to pray for those who have recently lost a family member. We pray for Matt Grommesh and family as Lois Baker, his mother passed away on July 4th. Their address is Matt & Saunders Grommesh 234 Fox Ridge Rd., Lake Toxaway, NC 28747

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff over the summer months.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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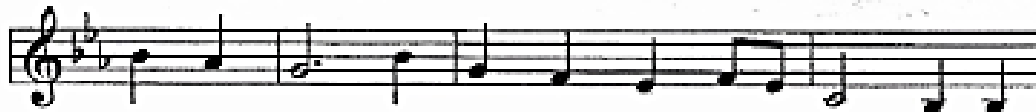
Audio/Visual & Livestream Chair: Joe Haraschak: 813-918-1916

Liturgist: Cynthia Wood

For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



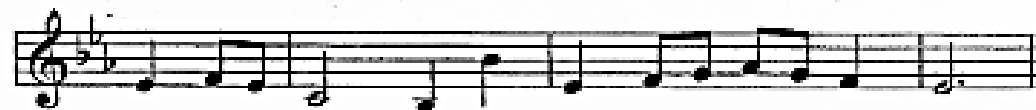
days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly. while Pha - rach's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
in your ser - vice, our lives, may sing your praise.

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