



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 17th 2021

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Community Worship Service
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 17th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/gaSGXAfUmQ>

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

PRELUDE

Variations on “Immortal, Invisible” Austin C. Lovelace

GREETING

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

P: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.

P: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

P: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world. AMEN.

HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

- 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
- 38:2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 38:3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 38:5 Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 38:6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
- 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- 38:34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?
- 38:35 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?
- 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?
- 38:37 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
- 38:38 when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?
- 38:39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
- 38:40 when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?
- 38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,**
- 104:2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
- 104:3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,**
- 104:4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
- 104:5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.**
- 104:6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
- 104:7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**

104:8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

104:9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

104:35c Praise the LORD!

Hebrews 5:1-10

5:1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

5:2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;

5:3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

5:4 And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5:5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

5:8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

5:9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

5:10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:35-45 (Please stand for the Gospel)

10:35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

10:36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

10:37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

10:38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

- 10:39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;
- 10:40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."
- 10:41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
- 10:42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
- 10:43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
- 10:44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
- 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who shows us how to serve through the service of Jesus Christ/ look upon us with understanding. We have dedicated ourselves to the service of folly; and finally, in the noontide of our foolishness, we have the gall to ask with the sons of Zebedee, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

In the high noon of your infinite mercy, you ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" Unrepentant, we muster the further audacity not to ask, but to demand, "Grant us to sit beside you in your glory." When you gently warn that we do not know what we are asking, we are impudent enough to claim, "We are able to drink the cup that you drink, and to be baptized with the baptism with which you are baptized." You are right, Lord; we do not know what we ask, for the cup is filled with the wine of servanthood, and the baptism is unto sacrifice even to the point of suffering. And that service, that sacrifice, is your glory.

We do not understand, but you do. And so, you are patient. You tolerate our prideful indiscretions, our arrogant presumptions. And then, you take up your teaching again, for it is plain that we do not yet understand what greatness resides in the choice to be servant, what majesty abides in the choice to be least.

Forgive our slow reaming, God. Forgive our blustery confidence that erupts in speech when silence would be better, yet holds its tongue when one word

could be decisive. And forgive our haughty swaggering, that struts amidst the weak when kneeling would be better, yet bends the knee when one step could be forever.

We ask your forgiveness, O Lord, in the name of the One who came not to be served but to serve. We ask forgiveness, that by your great mercy we might find that we are able, despite and because of who we are. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

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

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The Nicene Creed)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 #581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
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I Will Arise and Go to Jesus arr. Robert J. Powell

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of great blessing, but even greater lessons, remind us again who gives life and who receives it. Sometimes, like Job, we need to have our questioning answered with a lesson – we need to learn that we are not the ones in charge in the universe. The gifts we bring this morning are not a down payment toward future favor, but a token of a debt we will never be able to repay. May we gain wisdom in the giving, and may these gifts be blessed for your glory, not ours. In Christ, we pray. 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 #529

How Firm a Foundation
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 117 Emma Lou Diemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Worship Committee

Please observe silence when the bell rings, the music starts and the pastor is proceeding in. This will also help those in the sanctuary and those worshiping from home to reflect and prepare for the service.

Memorial Service:

Paul Bergren's Memorial Service will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 6, 2021

Lost glasses

Did anyone pick up a pair of glasses from the second pew on the right side of the church facing the altar on 10/3? If so, please let Saunders know.

Administrative Council Meeting

There will be a follow-up Administrative Council meeting on Friday, November 12 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Tom Blackstock with any questions.

LTUMC App for your Smart Phone

The LTUMC app is available to download it from either the App Store or the Play Store. Search for "Lake Toxaway UMC". You do not need to be a registered member of the church to download and use the app.

Flowers outside the church & in the Memorial Garden

Thank you to Paula and Fred Markert for the Fall flowers they planted at the front of the church and in the Memorial Garden.

Outreach – Feeding those at The Haven

Thank you to John & Char Holbrook who fed those staying at The Haven Oct.3rd.

LTUMC Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers are needed to hand out bulletins at the beginning of the service. Please reach out to John Shoemaker at trestlegap@gmail.com

Partners are needed to be paired with a student scholar during the school year. Please reach out to Judy Lefler at judylefler1@gmail.com

Liturgists are needed for the Sunday services especially during the winter months. Please reach out to Saunders Grommesh at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Peter Elder, Keith and Jackie Skivington, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Kitty Neff, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert, Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for Houston Hudson, Marcus' brother-in-law who was admitted into the hospital in Greenville, SC with Covid-19 yesterday. He had been fully vaccinated and has an auto immune disease.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently. Especially for Aubrey Stowell's, Paul Bergren's and little Conor's family as they experienced the passing of their loved one.

Please pray for our student scholars.

October is clergy appreciation month. Please pray for Marcus, our pastor and we thank him for all he does for us.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

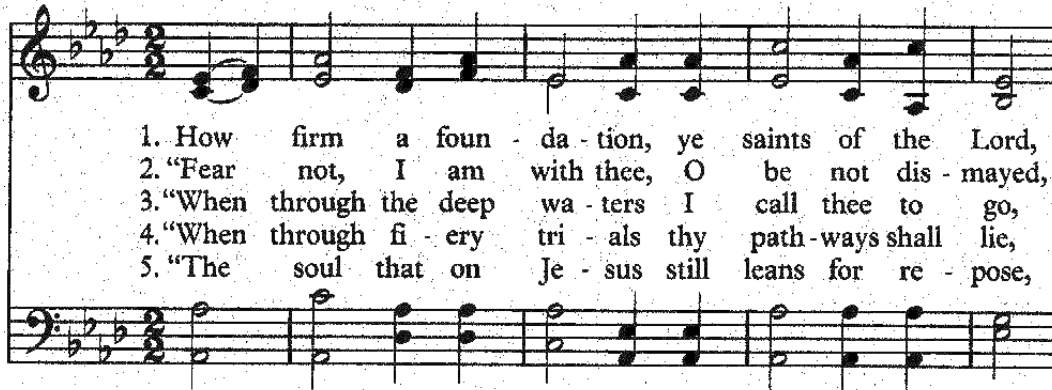
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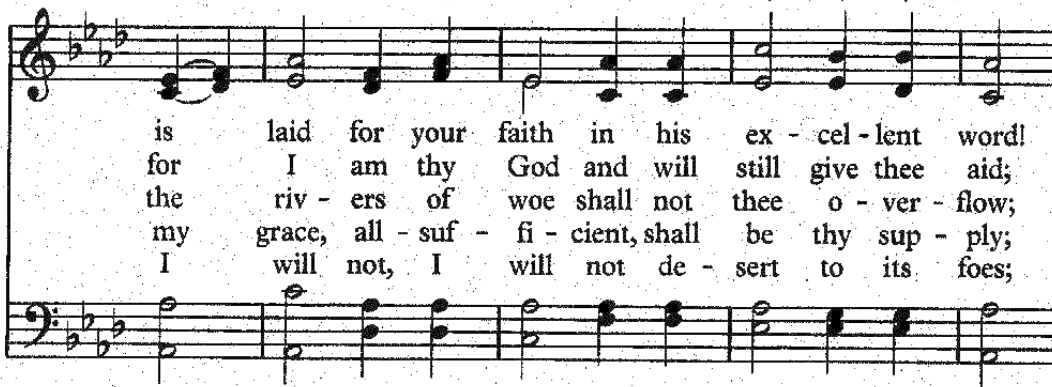
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How Firm a Foundation

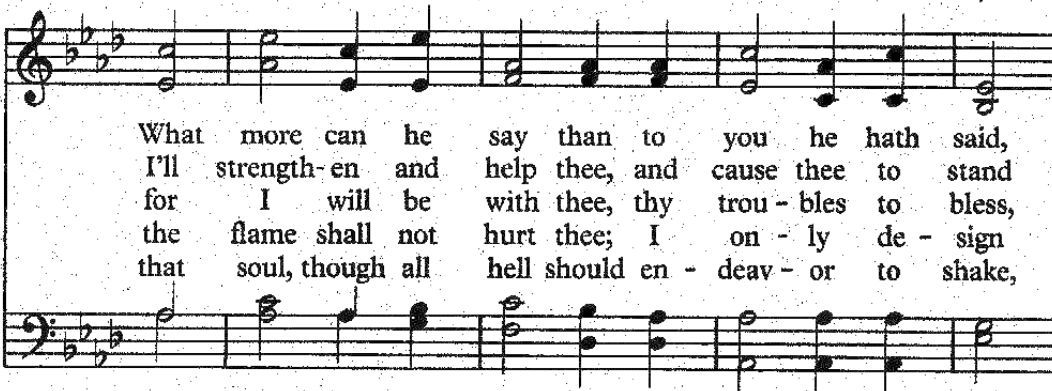
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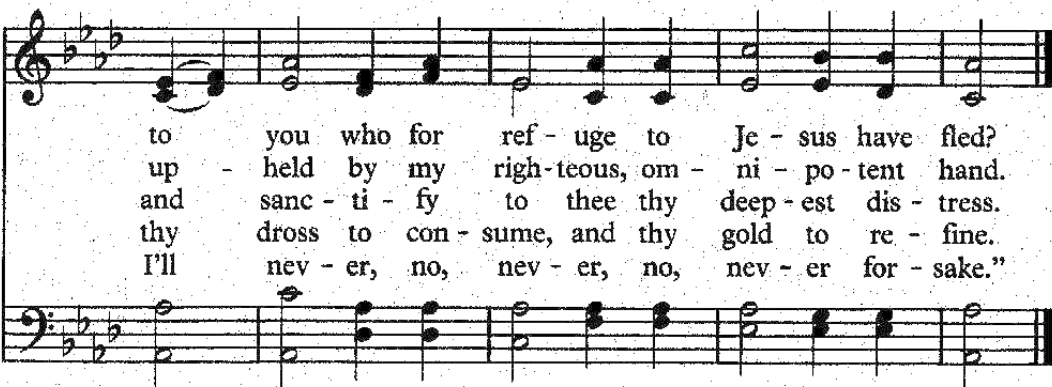
1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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