



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021*

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Community Worship Service & Communion
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 3rd
World Communion Sunday

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: https://youtu.be/vfm_93xyfIU

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Shaker Song John J. Powell
Meditation on "Kum Ba Yah" Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

P: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

L: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

P: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

L: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

P: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.

HYMN #89

Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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OPENING PRAYER

***Holy Mystery, Protector of the faithful,
glorious Spirit of wonder, Bread of heaven,
you have made us a little lower than the angels
and crowned us with glory and honor.
You have called us to be your witnesses,
to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad.
Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you,
the living body of the risen Christ,
broken and poured out to feed a hungry world. Amen.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881 The Apostles' Creed)

***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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

***God of steadfast love,
we have ignored your many gifts;
we have forgotten to give thanks in all things.
We have taken for granted the air we breathe,
the food that nourishes our bodies,
even the love of family and friends.
We have forgotten that all these gifts
come from you.
We have sinned with our lips and in our hearts.
Unlike your servant Job,
when we are tested we do not say,
"Shall we receive the good at the hand of God,
and not receive the bad?"
Forgive our selfish ways,
and turn our hearts to you.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even before we ask, God promises to redeem us and forgive us. In God's abundant grace, our feet stand on level ground and we are clothed in honor and glory.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

- 1:1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
- 2:1 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.
- 2:2 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."
- 2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."
- 2:4 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.
- 2:5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."
- 2:6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."
- 2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- 2:8 Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.
- 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."
- 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Psalm 26 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 26:1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 26:2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**
- 26:3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

26:4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

26:5 I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

26:6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

26:7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

26:8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

26:9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

26:10 those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

26:12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

1:3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

2:6 But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?"

2:7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,

2:8 subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

2:9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

2:10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

2:11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

2:12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Mark 10:2-16 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 10:2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
- 10:3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
- 10:4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."
- 10:5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.
- 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
- 10:7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
- 10:8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
- 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 10:10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.
- 10:11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;
- 10:12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
- 10:13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
- 10:14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
- 10:15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
- 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Improvisation on "Let Us Break Bread" Charles Callahan

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace and goodness, your blessings in our lives have been so abundant that when trials come, we become disoriented. Our needs have so often been met that when we're challenged in life, we wonder what's wrong. Why isn't the world perfectly aligned to meet our desires? This morning, we give our tithes and offerings, with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly the bright mountains and the dark valleys, with grateful hearts for both. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #618

Let Us Break Bread Together
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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

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #617

I Come with Joy

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Someone's Singing Lord Robert A. Behnke

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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.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Friday, October 8th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Tom or Saunders know if you are attending at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com or administrator@laketoxawayumc.org

WNC UMC Annual Charge Conference

The WNC UMC Annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 10th at 3:30 PM via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Marcus Dodson at marcus61dodson@gmail.com.

Outreach – Feeding those at The Haven

Thank you to John & Char Holbrook who fed those staying at The Haven this weekend.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Keith and Jackie Skivington, Aubrey Stowell, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, , Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently.

Please pray for our student scholars, clergy, health care workers, first responders and government leaders.

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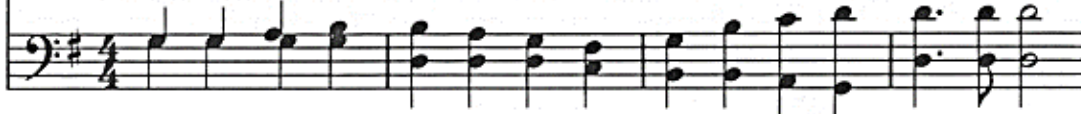
Audio/Visual for Livestream Chair: Andy Harvill

Liturgists: Bobbi & Stan Moore

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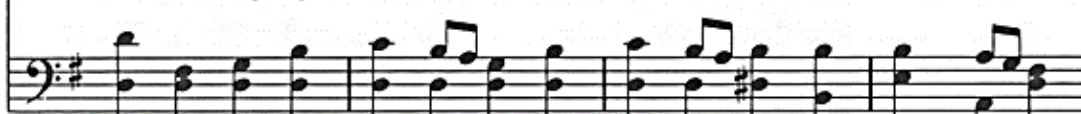
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



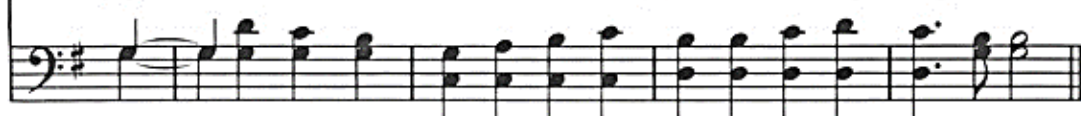
hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me) ^{1, 2}
 2. Let us
 3. Let us

*May end after stanza 3

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LET US BREAK BREAD
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EUCCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

me) 4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

Fine

I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

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DOVE OF PEACE
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