



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 23, 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Pentecost & Communion, May 23rd

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/FWMd0sWhv40>

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

P: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

P: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

P: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.

HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (HYMNAL # 881)

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

We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always. AMEN.

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

***Acts 2:1-21**

** During Eastertide a reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible.*

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

- 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- 2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- 2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- 2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *(Please read responsively the bold text)*

- 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**
- 104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- 104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**
- 104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- 104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- 104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
- 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--**
- 104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Romans 8:22-27

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Please stand for the Gospel)

15:26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

15:27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:4b "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

16:5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

16:8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

16:9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;

16:10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

16:11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song arr. John Carter

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #95

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 #544

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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

Trumpet Tune in G Sam Batt Owens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday provides the occasion for Christians to recognize God's Holy Spirit at work in the life of the church and in the lives of individuals. What is this day? Where does it originate? The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentecoste, which means fiftieth; and on the Christian calendar, Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Christ's resurrection. The Jewish festival of Pentecost is also called Shavu'ot, or "weeks," because it follows Passover by seven complete weeks.

The Christian traditions surrounding Pentecost originate in Acts 2, where the gathered disciples experience the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit. The account speaks of a sound "like the howling of a fierce wind" and something like "individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them" (verses 2-3, CEB). The disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak" (verse 4, CEB). In fulfillment of Christ's promise in Acts 1:8, the disciples received power from the Holy Spirit to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ. The Christian world views this empowerment as the birth of the church.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on **Friday, June 11th at 3:00 PM**. If you are a member of the Council, you will receive a Zoom Invite. If you are not a member and would like to attend the meeting, please email Tom Blackstock or Saunders Grommesh as these meetings are open to all members, but only members have a vote if actions are required. You may e-mail Tom at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com or Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.

Scholarship Committee Update/Partners for 2021 – 2022 Scholars

If you are interested in being a **partner** (formally known as a sponsor/mentor) for a future scholar recipient for the 2021-2022 school year, please reach out to Judy Leffler at judylefler1@gmail.com.

LTUMC Member login update

LTUMC Website Membership login update: Thank you for those of you who provided updated information for our new LTUMC directory and taking updated pictures. We will have an online directory and it will only be viewable to the LTUMC family though your unique login. This is taking a little longer than expected but is coming along.

One thing you can do now is to set up your own individual e-mail address if you do not already have one. Some couples share an e-mail address and the program is requiring each person have their own individual e-mail address.

Please reach out to Saunders if you are unable to have your own individual e-mail address. If you need help in creating a new e-mail address, please reach out to Saunders at | saunderv@hotmail.com | 469-569-2314.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray especially for John & Becky Shoemaker's son, John. We continue to pray for John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Katherine Jeter, Thomas Blackstock, , Cathie Fussell's nephew, Jeff Tilley, Madison Coleman & the Jeter family, Bill Holden, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those with illness, upcoming surgery and recovery. Please pray for them, their recoveries and spouse/caregiver.

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months.

Please pray for all student scholars as they are finishing their school year.

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

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 challenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush,
 branches of the Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled,
 ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness,

like the new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 with the peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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