



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 27th, 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 27th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/c3r-x4tE23s>

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Finlandia" Robert J. Powell

GREETING

*With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:*

***Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.***

*With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:*

***Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.***

*With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:*

***Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.***

HYMN #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Lord of healing and mercy, remind us again of your power to heal our lives from fears and mistrust. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for you in this, your World. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

- 1:1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
- 1:17 David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
- 1:18 (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:
- 1:19 Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

- 1:20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- 1:21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
- 1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
- 1:23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- 1:24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 1:25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
- 1:26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 1:27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Psalm 130 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
- 130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**
- 130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**
- 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**
- 130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
- 130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

- 8:7 Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
- 8:8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
- 8:9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

- 8:10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--
- 8:11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- 8:12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have.
- 8:13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between
- 8:14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.
- 8:15 As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Mark 5:21-43 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 5:21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.
- 5:22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet
- 5:23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."
- 5:24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
- 5:25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.
- 5:26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.
- 5:27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,
- 5:28 for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."
- 5:29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.
- 5:30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"
- 5:31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"
- 5:32 He looked all around to see who had done it.
- 5:33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.
- 5:34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

- 5:35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"
- 5:36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."
- 5:37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
- 5:38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.
- 5:39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."
- 5:40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.
- 5:41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"
- 5:42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.
- 5:43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

Merciful Lord, we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Feel the touch of Christ on your heart! You are healed and forgiven! Rejoice! God is with you now and always! AMEN.

In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #887 (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors

through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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OFFERTORY

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus Robert J. Powell

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of boundless generosity, as we offer our gifts and our lives to you, help us to hear and heed your Apostle Paul. We long to grow as disciples, so that we grow in generosity. The abundance we've been given has a purpose in your plan, that we might know the joy of sharing that abundance with those in need. We long for that vision of your kingdom, where loving hearts bring a better balance between abundance and need. In the name of Christ, our teacher and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

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 #534

Be Still, My Soul

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Old Hundredth" Darwin Wolford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

Today's orchid arrangement are given by Dell Anderson's family in loving memory of her mother, Dorie Sims.

Coffee Hour starting up after today's service in the Fellowship Hall

With the Covid-19 restrictions lifted we are resuming fellowship immediately following today's service in the Fellowship Hall. We have all missed fellowship and look forward to a restart so that we can meet new neighbors, rekindle old friendships and welcome visitors. We will have coffee and tea along with one savory and one sweet treat. Thank you to Kay and Tom Blackstock for sponsoring this Sunday's coffee hour. The sign-up sheet for future Sunday's is in the Fellowship Hall. We need sign-ups!

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

The opportunity to feed families staying at The Haven will be in October 2021. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Fred Markert at 828-553-3303 or fredmarkert47@gmail.com.

LTUMC Website Member website registration

We are in the process of having you register on our LTUMC website. You will have future access to our online directory and committee agendas and meetings if you serve on a committee. We will have sign-ups for hospitality, flowers, ushers, counters. Please go to our website to register: <https://www.laketowawayumc.org/index.php/members/register>. Please reach out to Saunders at 469-569-2314 or administrator@laketowawayumc.org with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for John & Becky Shoemaker's son, John. Thomas Blackstock, Don & Nancy Buebendorf, Kirk Smith, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Katherine Jeter, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and her nephew, Jeff Tilley, Madison Coleman & the Jeter family, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son, Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.

Ed Lockard is asking for prayers for Celeste Thorington Lockard as she enters her final days.

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

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

Please pray for all student scholars and especially those who are attending a summer semester.

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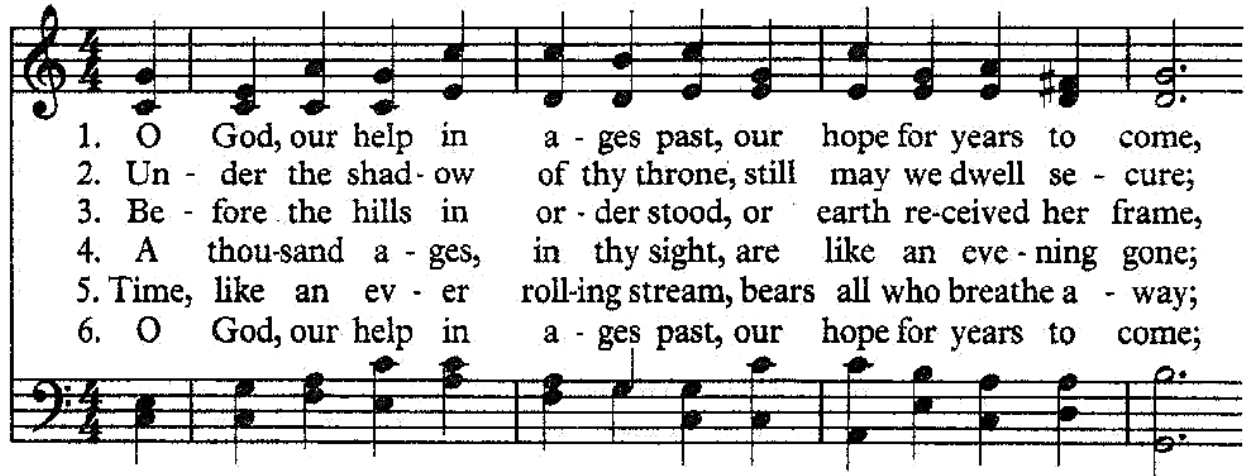
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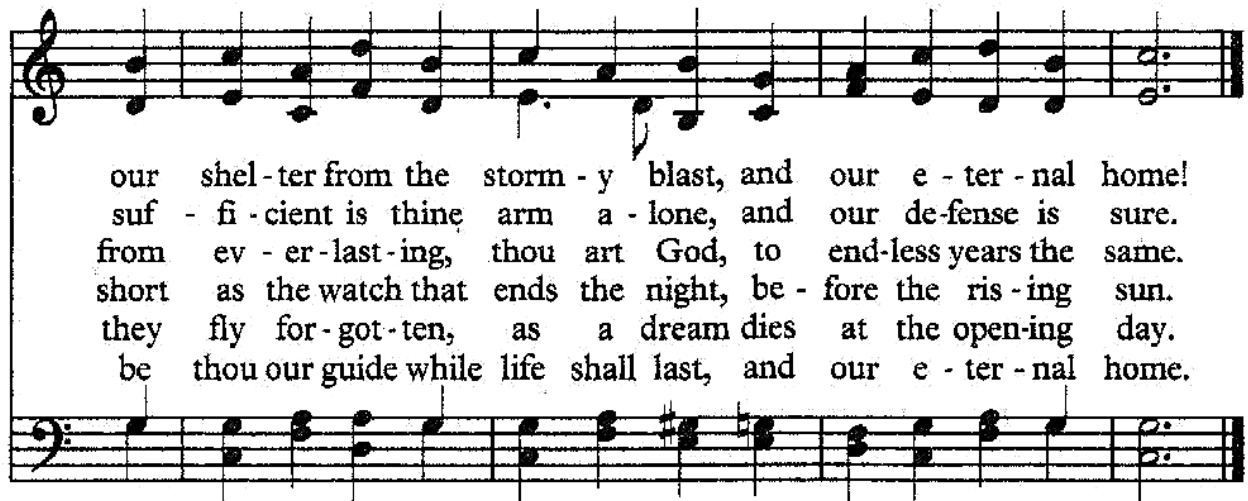
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117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)
MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al-most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932
 MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD
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Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.