

Lake Toxarvay United Methodist Church Sunday, June 6th, 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church Community Worship Service Second Sunday after Penecost, June 6th

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: https://youtu.be/9syJ2BrrxXQ

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Land of Rest" Robert Lau

GREETING

L: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

P: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

L: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

P: And God found me and brought me home.

L: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

P: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

HYMN #73

O Worship the King

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- 138:2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
- 138:3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
- 138:4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 138:5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

- 138:6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
- 138:8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you. Praise be to God. AMEN.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!

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.

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.

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OFFERTORY

Hymn Douglas E. Wagner

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and forgiving God, it is easy for our lives to become singularly focused on our families, yet you call us to a broader understanding of family. We prioritize our money around the needs of our families and especially our children, and you challenge us to a global view of family and to look at all children with the love we look on those who live under our roof. As we give to you, open our eyes to see the wider family; our ears to hear the cries of hurting, hungry children; our hearts to experience the extravagantly generous love you pour down on us. We pray in the name of your son, our brother, Jesus. 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 #368

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BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune William Boyce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome

Please welcome Rev. Shelly Webb back to our pulpit today as our guest preacher. Shelly serves as the Executive Director of TCIM or Sharing House. She is an ordained United Methodist minister in the Western North Carolina Conference and has served churches in Brevard, East Asheville, and Davidson. Shelly serves on several boards in the local community and at the Conference level. She has led TCM to become a model of cooperative faith communities in ministry in small towns as well as an advocate for the poor and persons in crisis. Shelly enjoys hiking and photography in her spare time. Lake Toxaway UMC and Lake Toxaway Charities are significant supporters of the ministry she leads on our behalf.

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.

Thank You - Toxaway Falls Garden Club!

Thank you to the Toxaway Falls Garden Club! The members planted the gorgeous red plants on either side of the steps to the church. It is a warm invitation as you approach the church.

LTUMC Website Member login update

Please go to our website to register: https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/members/register. The data entered will be used for our online LTUMC church family directory only accessible to those who registered. This is to protect your privacy. 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. Don & Nancy Buebendorf, Kirk Smith, John & Sue Thomas, Katherine Jeter, Thomas Blackstock, Marty Young, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, 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 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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WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833 (Ps. 104) MUSIC: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815 LYONS 10 10.11 11

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MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863