



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, July 11th, 2021*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 11th**

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/jtXXISciTG0>

**PRELUDE**

Prelude on "Dove of Peace" Gilbert M. Martin

**GREETING**

*L: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.*

***P: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!***

*L: Let every soul sing God's praises!*

***P: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!***

*L: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.*

***P: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.***

**HYMN #139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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**OPENING PRAYER** *(Please be seated)*

***O God our Father,  
we thank you that today you have called us  
to worship you and learn of you.  
You alone know our needs.  
Satisfy them with your unchanging love.  
In your presence may we find comfort in sorrow,  
guidance in perplexity,  
strength to meet temptation,  
grace to overcome the fascination of disobedience,  
and courage to face up to the hostility of this rebellious world.  
Above all, may we meet Jesus  
and go out from our worship indwelt by his spirit.  
This prayer we ask to your glory and in his name.  
Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**

- 6:1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
- 6:2 David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.
- 6:3 They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart
- 6:4 with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.
- 6:5 David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
- 6:12b So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing;
- 6:13 and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
- 6:14 David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.
- 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6:16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- 6:17 They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.
- 6:18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,
- 6:19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

### **Psalm 24 (Please read responsively the bold text)**

- 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
- 24:2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**
- 24:3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 24:4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**
- 24:5 They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**24:6** Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

**24:8** Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

24:9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

**24:10** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

1:4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

1:5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

1:8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

1:9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

1:11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

1:12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

1:13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

1:14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Mark 6:14-29 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

6:14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

6:15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

- 6:16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."
- 6:17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.
- 6:18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."
- 6:19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,
- 6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.
- 6:21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.
- 6:22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."
- 6:23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."
- 6:24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."
- 6:25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."
- 6:26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.
- 6:27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,
- 6:28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.
- 6:29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

***P: Thanks be to God.***

**SOLO**                      O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion              G. F. Handel

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

***In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in these warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*God is merciful and pours God's love on us abundantly.*

*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 #884 (Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist)**

***We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. 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.***

### **OFFERING**

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

### **OFFERTORY/SOLO**

Be Thou My Vision arr. Isaac Lowder

### **DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Generous and Giving God, you have poured your blessings on us as the rain soaks the sun-parched grass of our lawns. You have lavished us with redemption, forgiveness, and grace. When you send the rain to water the grass, you expect growth in return. Remind us this day, as we make our gifts to you, that we have been blessed for a purpose – that we might be a blessing to others. May we grow in compassion, in mercy, in longing for justice and love, as Christ loved us. In that holy name, 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 #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C     Johann Krebs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Flowers on the Altar***

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

### ***Coffee Hour is after today's service in the Fellowship Hall***

Please join us for coffee hour after today's service. Thank you to those of you who have signed up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. We still need sign-ups for future Sundays!

### ***Outreach Update***

This quarter's checks have been mailed to our nine partners (agencies): The Sharing House, Gods Way Food Pantry, The Haven, Cops for Kids (part of the Transylvania County Sherriff's office), The Center for Women, SAFE Inc., North Toxaway Baptist Church, The Bread of Life, The Children's Center.

The Haven sent us a picture of the new stove LTUMC purchased for them and they are grateful for LTUMC's generosity.

Thank you, Louise Spencer, for volunteering to feed the families staying at The Haven in October. If you are interested in signing up for future times later this year please call Fred Markert, the Outreach Chair at 828-553-3303.

### ***LTUMC Website Member website registration***

We are in the process of having you register on our LTUMC website. Please go to our website to register: <https://www.laketoxawayumc.org/index.php/members/register>. Please reach out to Saunders at 469-569-2314 or [administrator@laketowawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketowawayumc.org) with any questions.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***Please pray for Thomas Blackstock, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and her nephew, Jeff Tilley, Conor, Cynthia Wood's friends' two-year-old son, Bill Holden and Frank Hardin.***

***Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months. Especially Kirk Smith who died on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Celeste Thorington Lockard who died on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Don Buebendorf who died June 26<sup>th</sup>.***

***Please pray for those with illness, upcoming surgery and recovery especially for John & Becky Shoemaker's son, John's surgery on Monday, 7/12. 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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## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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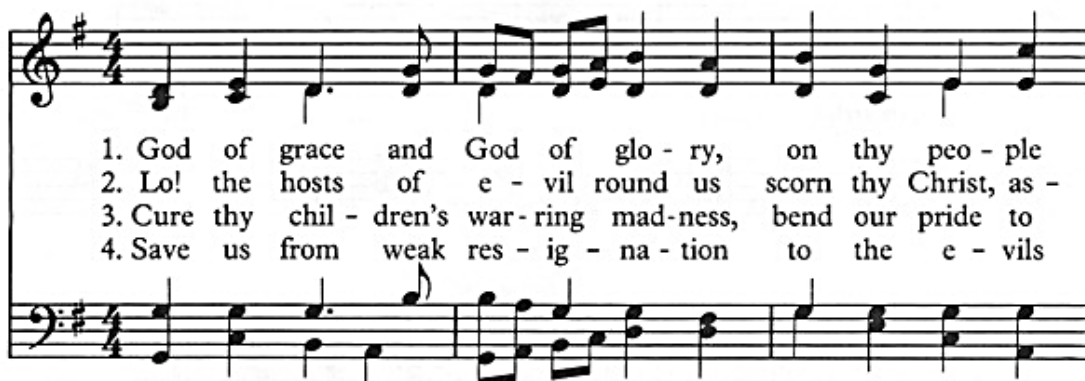
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main -  
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

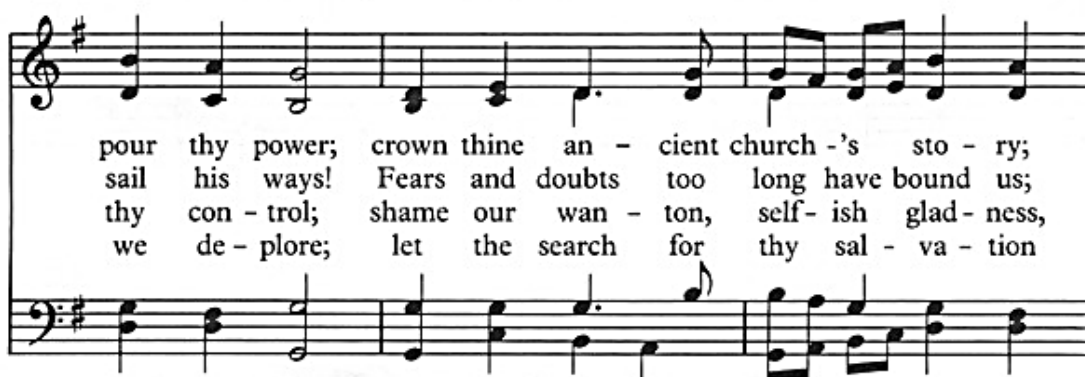
va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw  
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -  
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can  
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?  
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

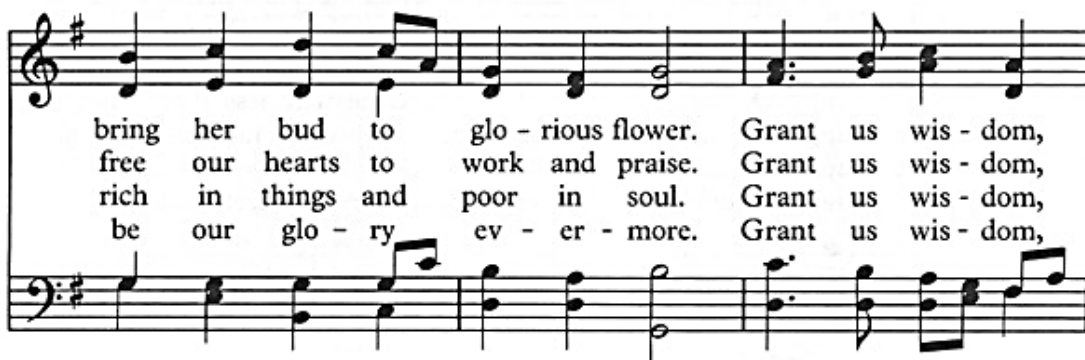
## 577 God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

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 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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