



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, July 18th, 2021*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 18th**

**9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/9VyBHELfx5k>**

**PRELUDE**

Be Thou My Vision arr. Dale Wood

**GREETING**

*We gather in the name of Jesus Christ—*

***members of God's family,***

***and brothers and sisters to one another.***

*There are no outsiders here among us,*

***no one has any special standing or bragging rights.***

*For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.*

***Let's join in worship of the Triune God!***

**HYMN #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

***Almighty God,***

***you have built your Church***

***on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,***

***Jesus Christ himself***

***being the chief cornerstone.***

***Join us together in unity of spirit***

***by their teaching,***

***that we may become a holy temple,***

***acceptable to you:***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord,***

***who lives and reigns***

***with you and the Holy Spirit,***

***one God, now and forever. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

- 7:1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
- 7:2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
- 7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."
- 7:4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:
- 7:5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?
- 7:6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.
- 7:7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"
- 7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;
- 7:9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
- 7:10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
- 7:11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
- 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 7:14a I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

### Psalm 89:20-37 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 89:20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
- 89:21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**
- 89:22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
- 89:23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

89:24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

**89:25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

89:26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

**89:27 I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

89:28 Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

**89:29 I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

89:30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

**89:31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

89:32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

**89:33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

89:34 I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

**89:35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

89:36 His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

**89:37 It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies." Selah**

### **Ephesians 2:11-22**

2:11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--

2:12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

2:15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

2:17 So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

2:18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

2:19 So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

- 2:20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- 2:21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
- 2:22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Please stand for the Gospel)**

- 6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
- 6:31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
- 6:32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
- 6:33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
- 6:34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
- 6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.
- 6:54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,
- 6:55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
- 6:56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

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

**SOLO**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.***

*(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

***Most merciful God,***

***we confess that we have sinned against you***

***in thought, word, and deed,***

***by what we have done,***

***and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart;***

***we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

***For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,***

***have mercy on us and forgive us;***

***that we may walk in your will,***

***and walk in your ways,***

***to the glory of your name. Amen.***

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven.*

***In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

## **HOMILY**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #889 (1 Timothy 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16)**

#### ***Leader:***

*There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.*

#### ***People:***

***This saying is sure***

***and worthy of full acceptance:***

***That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
take up in glory***

***Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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**

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Holy God, you love us so deeply that you pursue us relentlessly. You sent your son Jesus into the world that we who were far off would be brought near to you by his blood. We offer our gifts to you, knowing we can never outgive you, never balance the equation. You don't desire balance, no quid-pro-quo, only that we find the peace you desire for us, whose foundation is in your word and whose cornerstone is Christ alone. 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 #540**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound Robert J. Powell

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

### ***Hymnal, attendance boards and new number boxes***

We are grateful and thankful for John Shoemaker and his talented woodworking gifts he shares with LTUMC. He created new hymn and attendance number boxes to store the numbers. He also he repaired and stained the boards. Thank you John!

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

Please join us for coffee hour after today's service to meet and see old new friends. 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!

### ***Memorial Service for Celeste Thorington Lockard***

Celeste's service is August 7th at 11:00 AM in the Memorial Garden - graveside only service.

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

We are in the process of having you register on our LTUMC website:

<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 Mary Collins, 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 who had 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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1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, There is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove Join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed, Thy  
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10. with Refrain

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the  
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls be-fore thee stand dear  
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend, to  
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav-en-ly ways, her  
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

church our blest Re - deem-er saved with his own pre-cious blood.  
as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

WORDS: Timothy Dwight, 1801  
MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

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