



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 25th 2021

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 25th

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Jesus Loves Me" J. Wayne Kerr

GREETING

L: Today is a day especially created for you to find peace and hope.

P: In the midst of our hectic lives, we surely need such a time as this.

L: Come, rest in the Lord.

P: Our souls long for God's refreshing love.

L: Let the demands of your week melt away in God's presence.

P: Refresh and restore us, O Lord. AMEN.

HYMN #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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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 11:1-15

- 11:1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- 11:2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.
- 11:3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite."
- 11:4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.
- 11:5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."
- 11:6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.
- 11:7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going.
- 11:8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.
- 11:9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.
- 11:10 When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?"
- 11:11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing."
- 11:12 Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So, Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,
- 11:13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.
- 11:14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
- 11:15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Psalm 14 (Please read responsively the bold text)

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Ephesians 3:14-21

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

3:18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

3:19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

John 6:1-21 (Please stand for the Gospel)

6:1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

6:2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

6:3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

6:4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

- 6:5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"
- 6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
- 6:7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."
- 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,
- 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"
- 6:10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so, they sat down, about five thousand in all.
- 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
- 6:12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."
- 6:13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
- 6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."
- 6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
- 6:16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,
- 6:17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
- 6:18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.
- 6:19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.
- 6:20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
- 6:21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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.)

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our being. In your kindness, you formed the world as one glorious, diverse, many-colored place; in our stubbornness and sinful pride, we have distorted your intention for humanity and for all creation. As your church, we have often perpetuated the divisions Christ came to destroy. In your grace, forgive us and free us from the grip of sin. Help us to worship and serve you joyfully for the sake of the salvation of the entire world through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The Nicene Creed)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Mighty and all-knowing God who sees us as we are and as we might be: What offering can we give that will bring you joy? We have brought gifts this morning that you might dedicate them to the work of caring and compassion in our neighborhoods, in our nations, and throughout the world. Yet all the money we have can't accomplish what you can make happen if we simply let Christ dwell in our hearts – not for an hour on Sundays but every hour of every day. This is the offering we dedicate this day. In Christ, our 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 #129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F 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.

New Hospitality Chair

We are grateful Nancee Salyer is our new Hospitality Chair. She will oversee the scheduling, reminding of up coming hosts/hostesses for the upcoming coffee hour on Sunday. Nancee's contact information: Nancee Salyer 314-443-1017 (cell) or nsalyer331@aol.com.

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!

Memorial Service for Celeste Thorington Lockard

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

Outreach Update

The Outreach Committee has requested donation checks be made to all eight global ministry partners: Friends of Israel, Samaritan's Purse, Gideons International, Wycliff Bible Translators, Trans World Radio, Our Daily Bread Ministries, TMS Global, Missions to the World.

The Outreach committee also purchased a bed a new bed set and donated it to The Haven for a client who is transitioning to her own home.

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 on the long. We still need sign-ups for future Sundays!

LTUMC Website Member website registration

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

<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 Donna Parker, 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 5th, Celeste Thorington Lockard who died on July 1st and Don Buebendorf who died June 26th.

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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Liturgist: Rick Tranquilli

Soloist: Alec House-Baillargeob from Brevard Music Center

66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

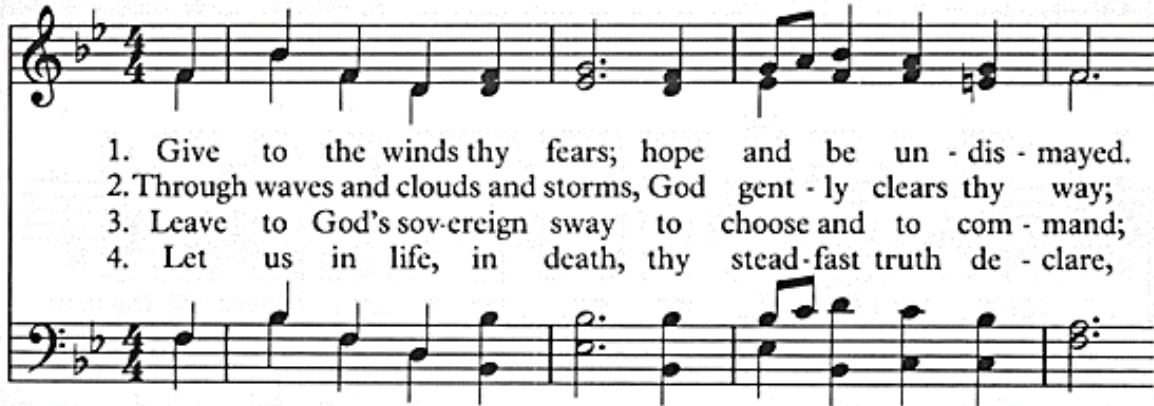
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 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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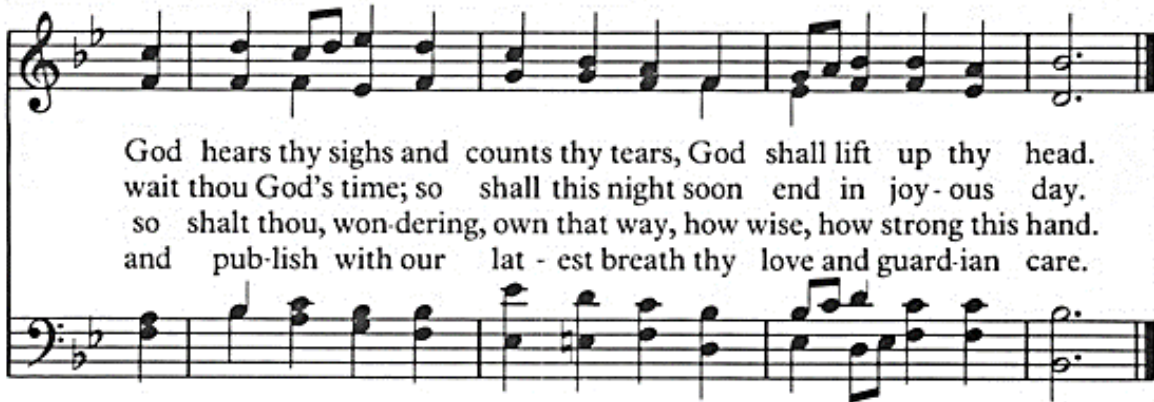
Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
3. Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
so shalt thou, won - dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard - ian care.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
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