



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 4, 2021

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 4th**

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Dove of Peace" Gilbert M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Take off your shoes!

We are standing on holy ground.

Shake off the dust!

We are ready to start afresh.

*Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,
**that we may be renewed and strengthened
to share God's love with the world.***

HYMN #698

God of the Ages

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OPENING PRAYER

***Gracious God,
you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory.
You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.
Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice
and the strength for forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.
We ask this on a day of celebration,
a day of hope for a nation made free.
We ask this in the name of the one
who welcomes all to be free indeed.
Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom
and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (CALVIN INSTITUTE OF WORSHIP)

*As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!
We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident
that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Our world belongs to you.*

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.)*

Living God, we hear in the Gospel Message that Jesus was questioned and rejected by his own hometown, friends, and relatives, and we wonder how he was able to continue in ministry with such a lack of support. We want to enter our endeavors with full support and acclamation. We are afraid to begin a task if even our families, friends, and hometown folk belittle it and also us. So rather than face degradation, we back down. Forgive our lack of

faith and vision. Empower us to be in service to you, even when we do not feel the support of our family. Let us trust in your power and presence with us. Heal us. Guide our lives and our journeys all our days. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid of the derision of others. Place your trust in God's call and guidance. Know that the Lord is with you always, even to the ends of the earth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

- 5:1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.
- 5:2 For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."
- 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.
- 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
- 5:5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.
- 5:9 David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.
- 5:10 And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Psalms 48 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 48:1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,
- 48:2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**
- 48:3 Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.
- 48:4 Then the kings assembled, they came on together.**
- 48:5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;
- 48:6 trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,**

- 48:7 as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 48:8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. Selah**
- 48:9 We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
- 48:10 Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.**
- 48:11 Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.
- 48:12 Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,**
- 48:13 consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation
- 48:14 that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

- 12:2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
- 12:3 And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows--
- 12:4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
- 12:5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.
- 12:6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,
- 12:7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.
- 12:8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,
- 12:9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
- 12:10 Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 6:1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.
- 6:2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!
- 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

- 6:4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."
- 6:5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.
- 6:6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.
- 6:7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.
- 6:8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;
- 6:9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.
- 6:10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.
- 6:11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."
- 6:12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
- 6:13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

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There is a Fountain arr. Sam Batt Owens

DOXOLOGY #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #617

I Come with Joy
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God who both calls us and confronts us: the gifts we bring to you are only a small part of multitude we have received from your goodness. In the depth of our being, we know that in calling us, what you really seek is our faith, our belief, our conviction – our very hearts. What you long for from us is not a trip to church but a lifelong journey into the world to follow Jesus with our whole being. Forgive our unbelief, our holding back, and lead us in the way that frees us from the grip of the world – the way of life! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #732

Come, Ye that Love the Lord
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE

God of the Ages arr. J. Wayne Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality volunteers needed for Coffee Hour

A heartfelt thank you to Kay and Tom Blackstock who sponsored this week's and last week's coffee hours. We need volunteers for Hospitality to bring one savory and one sweet item for Coffee Hour after the service. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

The opportunity to feed residents 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Please pray for those with illness, upcoming surgery and recovery.

Please continue to pray for those who have had the death of a loved one in the recent weeks and months especially for Don Buebendorf who died 6/26/27.

Please pray for all student scholars taking summer courses.

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God of the Ages

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

WORDS: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
 MUSIC: George W. Warren, 1894

NATIONAL HYMN
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I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE
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Come, We That Love the Lord 732

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery

joys be known; join in a song with
 knew our God; but chil - dren of the
 sa - cred sweets be - fore we reach the
 tear be dry; we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
 heaven - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

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