



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 1, 2021

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service & Communion
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 1st**

9:30 A.M. Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrR2fuNLBI>

PRELUDE

As the Deer arr. Douglas E. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

HYMN #158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,

***Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today.
AMEN.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881 The Apostles' Creed)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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.)*

***In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of
success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and
needs. Even as children on a carousel, we were taught to try to grab the
golden ring, and it would fulfill our dreams of glory and wealth. How we have
been corrupted to think in these terms. Our "dollar for a dream" mentality
has gotten us into lots of trouble. We chase after all those false idols that
cannot ever sustain us and bring us peace. Forgive our stupidity, Lord.
Forgive us when we believe that if we only could win the Lottery, everything
would be OK and we would be happy. It is your Son Jesus Christ who leads
us in the ways of happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving
bread. Nurture us again, Lord, with this Bread of Life, that we may truly focus
on the ministries and mission you have set before us. For we ask this in
Jesus' Name. AMEN.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do you not know? It is Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life! Come to him and feed on his love for you. Find healing in his presence. Know that this is given freely for you, out of his great love.

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 11:26 - 12:13a

- 11:26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.
- 11:27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,
- 12:1 and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.
- 12:2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds;
- 12:3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.
- 12:4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him."
- 12:5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;
- 12:6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."
- 12:7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul;
- 12:8 I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.
- 12:9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

- 12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
- 12:11 Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun.
- 12:12 For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."
- 12:13a David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Psalm 51:1-12 (Please read responsively the bold text)

- 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 51:4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- 51:5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 51:6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- 51:9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- 51:11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Ephesians 4:1-16

- 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- 4:3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

- 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
4:7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
4:8 Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."
4:9 (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
4:10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)
4:11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
4:13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
4:14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.
4:15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6:24-35 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 6:24 So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
6:25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
6:26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."
6:28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"
6:29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."
6:30 So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?
6:31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

- 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 6:33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 6:34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY (SOLO DURING THE OFFERTORY)

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know we all have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving – and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #617

I Come with Joy
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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 #127

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah
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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

Trumpet Tune C. S. Lang

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Student Scholars

Please welcome ***Emma Reese, Grace Owen, Callie Owen*** to today's service. They are our LTUMC student scholarship recipients.

Memorial Service for Celeste Thorington Lockard

Celeste's service is Saturday, August 7th at 11:00 AM.

Memorial Service for Jim Norris

Jim Norris's service is Tuesday, August 10th at 10:00 AM.

New Hospitality Chair

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

Outreach Opportunity – Feed the Haven

We need a volunteer(s) for October 1st & November 12th to provide meals for The Haven. Please contact Fred Markert at 828-553-3303.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Jack Jeter, Donna Parker, Mary Collins, Thomas Blackstock, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, John & Sue Thomas, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, 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.

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Liturgist: Carole Guffey

Soloist: Madeline Coffee from Brevard Music Center Student

158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

WORDS: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963

SPANISH 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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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and
 the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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